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人型ロボット　マリオネーション　の少女・あのんの夢は
「学校に通って友達を作ること」　名門お嬢様学校に
「1回」として通うこととなった彼女を待つ出会いとは…
新級・高木信孝が贈る、そう遠くない未来の
PURIな物語の幕が開きます

私と……お友達になって下さいっ!

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超高画質コミック
月刊コミック
電撃大王
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SPRING
A NEW SEASON
入学
A NEW UNIFORM, AND A NEW BAG, AND NEW SHOES
A NEW SEMESTER, BURSTING WITH NEW DREAMS!
AND MOST OF ALL

I'm a highschool girl~
I, BENIHA ANON,
AM GOING TO WAFFLE GIRLS' ACADEMY, STARTING TODAY
BUT I WAS TOLD TO KEEP MY ACTIONS DISCRETE,
AND MAKE SURE NOT TO STAND OUT TOO MUCH.
Step1
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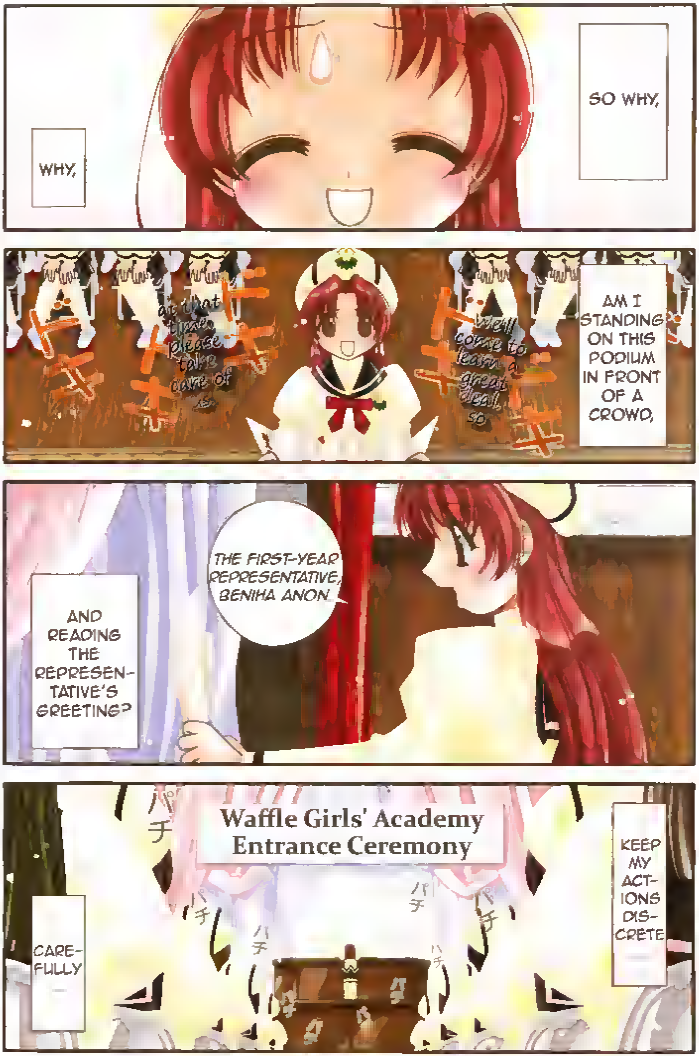
The first step
HOPING FOR A FUN SCHOOL LIFE
TO BE CAREFUL, AND ALSO MAKE NEW FRIENDS


WHY,
SO WHY,
AM I STANDING ON THIS PODIUM IN FRONT OF A CROWD,
THE FIRST-YEAR REPRESENTATIVE, BENIHA ANON
AND READING THE REPRESENTATIVE'S GREETING?
Waffle Girls' Academy Entrance Ceremony
CAREFULLY
KEEP MY ACTIONS DISCRETE

T- THIS IS WEIRD.
MY HEART WON'T STOP POUNDING...
I WONDER IF MY CONDITION'S BEEN THROWN OFF...
Self-diagnosis software activate
System Check
Level one protection release... Process execute...

スウ
WELL? HOW ARE YOU FEELING, ALIS?
YES, GOOD
TODAY'S THE START OF THE RUNNING TEST IN YOUR EVERYDAY LIFE
SO AS TO NOT BE EXPOSED, MAKE SURE YOU STAY DISCRETE

WELL,
JUST IN CASE, WE'LL BE IN YOUR SCHOOL AS WELL
WE'LL ASSIST YOU AS MUCH AS WE CAN
We'll be monitoring you too
YES! I'LL DO MY BEST, MADOKA-ONEESAN!
NO, WELL...
you don't have to...
JUST BE NORMAL NORMAL.
YES! TAKUTO-ONIISAN, I'LL DO MY BEST!
Check complete
Nothing abnormal...
and the palpitations are under control
HUH!?
カーン
I HAVE TO GET TO CLASS!

!
ガラン
!
IT'S FINE, TAKE YOUR SEAT
LUM, U-
E-EXCUSE ME!
OKAY
AND THIS YEAR I WAS SURE THAT AINA-SAN WOULD BE READING THE REPRESENTATIVE'S GREETING
AT WAFFLE, WE TAKE OUR SEATS BEFORE THE BELL.
BE CAREFUL

YES! EVERYONE QUIET!
AND NOW...
ざわ
ざわ
HAA~
I MESSED UP.
And I wasn't supposed to stand out.
CONTEMPLATING
ガヤ
?
"MAKE FRIENDS" HUH?
I CAN'T BE PASSIVE HERE,
I WANT TO MAKE FRIENDS, AND HAVE FUN AS A STUDENT!
HUH!
THAT'S RIGHT!
.....
It's no good~
Searching sites
TO MAKE FRIENDS?
WHAT'S A SURE-FIRE WAY
COME TO THINK OF IT,

I GUESS IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT I CAN RUSH...
Umm
I WONDER HOW...

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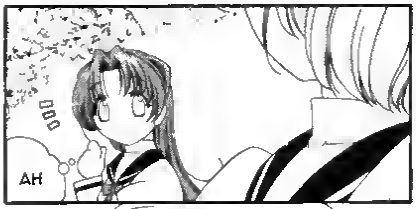
AH

UH...
HUH!

aya ya ya ya
SHE JUST BLEW ME OFF!?
C-COULD IT BE
anyways
um
ガーン ガーン ガーン
A-AGAIN?
eehn
HUH!

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ガヤ
1年
WELL, THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY
HAVE A NICE DAY
HAU~
I WASN'T ABLE TO TALK TO ANYBODY
NO POINT IN MOPING ABOUT IT. GUESS I'LL HEAD BACK TO THE DORMS NOW...

BENIHA-SAN.
YES?
SORRY FOR ASKING YOU TO READ THE REPRESEN-TATIVE'S GREETING SO SUDDENLY...
HAA
I WAS REALLY SURPR-ISED TO
DO THE INTRO-DUCTION IN FRONT OF A CROWD, BUT
Ehehe
EVERY YEAR, THEY KEEP IT A SECRET UNTIL JUST BEFORE THE CEREMONY
IS THAT SO...
I WAS SO NERVOUS ABOUT BEING ABLE TO SAY IT RIGHT
AH? REALLY?
YOU DID WELL TODAY
EH? AH, YES...

IT WAS GREAT THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO DO IT!
REALLY?
ANYWAYS, THE REPRESENTATIVE'S GREETING IS READ BY ONLY ONE TRANSFER STUDENT EACH YEAR.
ガシッ
IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT YOU'D NORMALLY DO
YOU SHOULD BE PROUD OF YOURSELF
YES!
WELL, SEE YOU TOMORROW
YES!
GOOD-BYE!
Have a nice day!
YES!
OH YEAH WATCH OUT FOR THE TIME, OKAY!
ぺこ

!
IT'S THE FIRST TIME SOMEONE OUTSIDE THE LAB PRAISED ME~
♪
ド
KYA
KYA!
!
AH!
W- WELL, THEN!
YES
S- SORRY!
フラ~
S- SAME HERE, SORRY

A- ALREADY GONE...
THAT JUST NOW!?
THE PERSON THAT SITS NEXT TO ME BY THE WINDOW
?
THIS IS A CARD CASE?
THIS IS...!
IT REALLY IS THE NEXT SEAT'S
DEFINITELY YOSHINA MIAMO-SAN
HA-

IF I GET THIS BACK TO HER, IT MIGHT BE A GOOD START!
THAT'S RIGHT!
218
Anon Benihana
フルフラット
AH
IT'S HERE
THE DORM MEETING STARTS THIS WEEKEND, FROM 13:00
BATHS ARE FROM 17:00 TO 22:00
BREAKFAST IS FROM 6:30 TO 7:00
DINNER IS FROM 18:00 TO 20:00

NEXT
芳奈み
from across the hall
THIS IS!
NEXT
THIS IS DEFINITELY A FATED MEETING, ISN'T IT!?
THE CARDCASE FROM BEFORE

KYA
KYA
EH?
EH?
EH?
ガチャ
SORRY!
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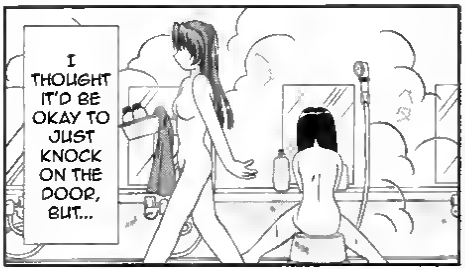
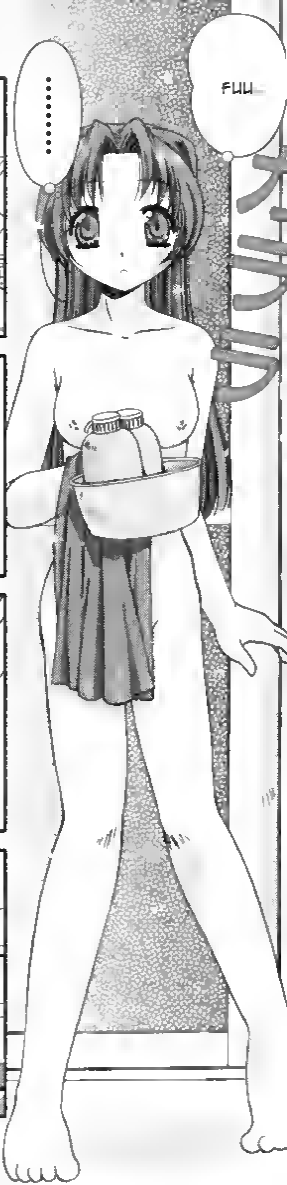

I THOUGHT IT'D BE OKAY TO JUST KNOCK ON THE DOOR, BUT...

IT WAS ACTUALLY REALLY EMBARASSING

AND I THOUGHT THAT AT LEAST TALKING TO HER WOULD BE EASY...

WHAT SHOULD I DO...

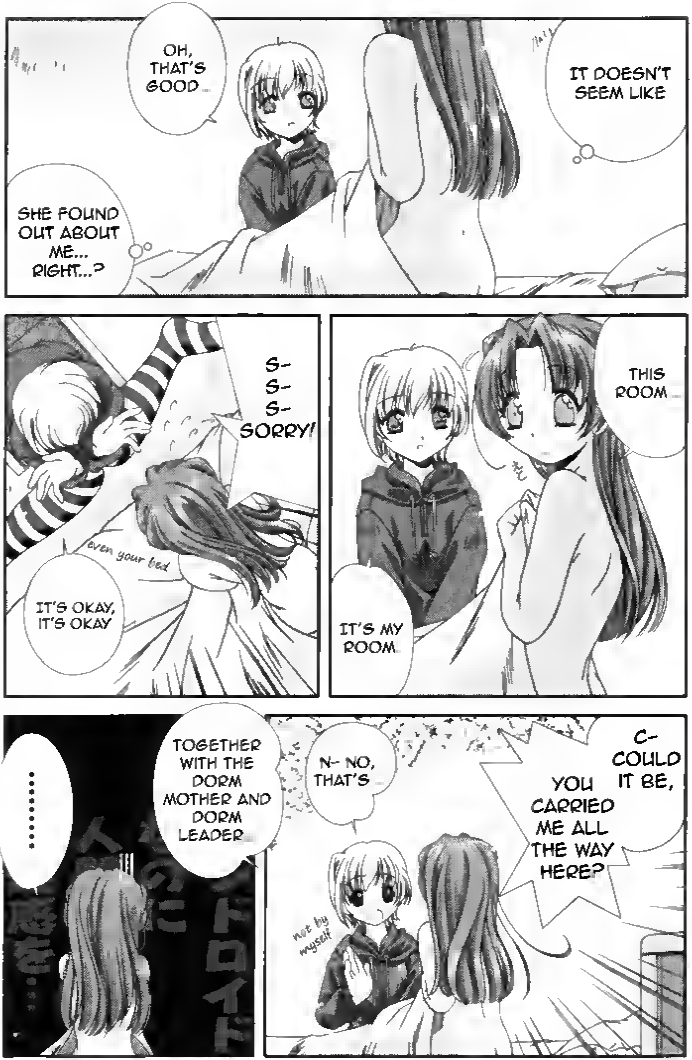

FUU...
.....

I HAVE TO HURRY UP AND RETURN IT.
ちゃぷ
IT'S YO-YO-YO-YOSHINA-SAN!
ドキ
ドキ
EH? HE- HEY!
ずずず
ぶくぶく

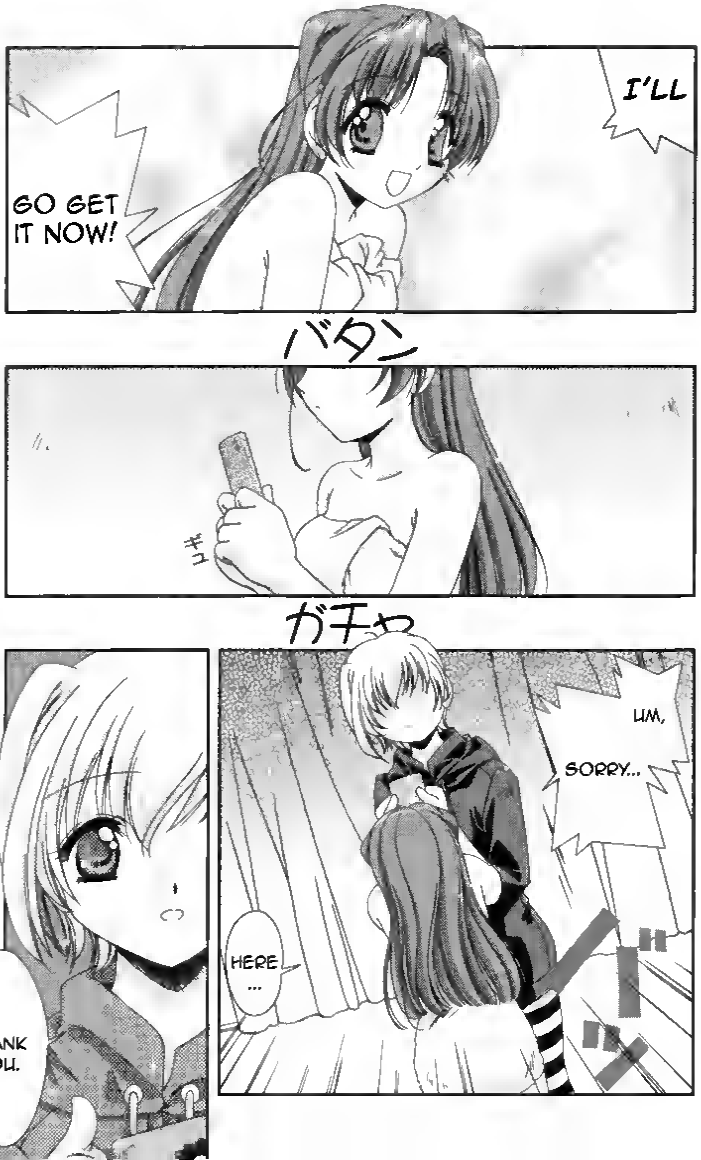
HURRY UP
AND RETURN IT...
HURRY...
N
EH?
ぴくん
.....
YOU ALRIGHT?

WHY IS YOSHINA-SAN!?
surprising!
EEH!?
.....
DID SHE FIND OUT THAT I'M NOT A HUMAN?
UM...
I- MY SYSTEM JUST SHUT DOWN?
COULD IT BE!?
Y- YES! WHAT IS IT!?
UM... YOUR TOWEL
EH?
TOWEL ?

KYAAAA
.....
.....
EH?
AH.
NO.
IN THE BATH
DO YOU REMEMBER FAINTING?
HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
YES, I'M FINE


OH, THAT'S GOOD...
IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE
SHE FOUND OUT ABOUT ME... RIGHT...?
S- S- S- SORRY!
even your bed
IT'S OKAY, IT'S OKAY
THIS ROOM...
IT'S MY ROOM.
TOGETHER WITH THE DORM MOTHER AND DORM LEADER...
N- NO, THAT'S...
C- COULD IT BE, YOU CARRIED ME ALL THE WAY HERE?
rest by myself

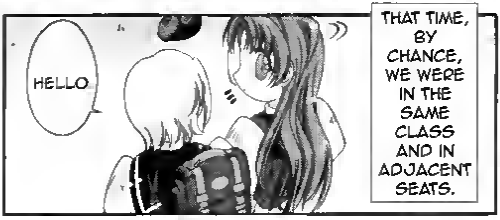
U-
UM!
AND RETURN IT
HURRY UP
AH!
THE CARD-CASE!
DID YOU DROP A CARDCASE!?
WHEN I RAN INTO YOU IN THE HALLWAY AT SCHOOL,
?
Y-YEAH
BUT I COULDN'T BUILD UP THE NERVE
TO DO IT...
I'm sorry...
I PICKED IT UP.
I REALLY WANTED TO GIVE IT BACK RIGHT AWAY,

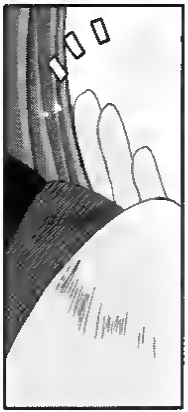

I'LL
GO GET IT NOW!
バタン
ギュ
ガチャ
UM, SORRY...
HERE ...
THANK YOU.

THANK GOODNESS...
I WAS LOOKING FOR THIS, IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO ME...
NOW, I HAVE TO SAY IT NOW!
I SEE...
IF IT'S OKAY WITH YOU,
WOULD YOU BECOME FRIENDS WITH ME!?
ANYWAYS, UM...

YEAH, ALRIGHT.
I'M YOSHINA MIAMO. NICE TO MEET YOU.
I WAS REALLY HAPPY TO GET HER THANKS, BUT
YES!
I'M BENIHA ANON!
NICE TO MEET YOU!
WA- WAIT!
MORE THAN THAT, TO SEE YOSHINA-SAN'S SMILING FACE,
I WAS SO, SO HAPPY.

MY FRIEND WAS SOMEONE WHO, BY CHANCE, SPENT TIME IN THE SAME PLACE AS ME


HELLO.
THAT TIME, BY CHANCE, WE WERE IN THE SAME CLASS AND IN ADJACENT SEATS.



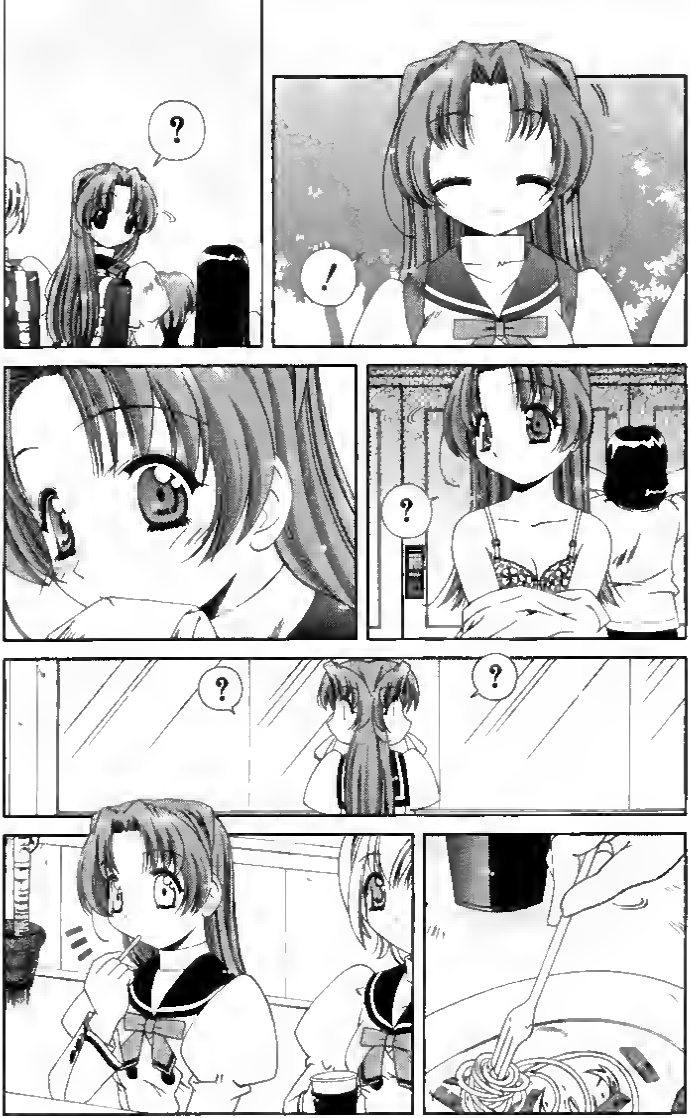
THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN A START.
G- GOOD MORNING!

THERE'S STILL A TON OF STUFF THAT I'M WORRIED ABOUT, BUT
I THINK I'LL BE ABLE TO HAVE A HAPPY SCHOOL LIFE AFTER ALL.

Step1 END

IT'S HUMILIATING.
EVEN REFUSED A RECCOMENDATION AND TOOK THE EXAM INSTEAD..
I CAME HERE TO PROPERLY EXPERIENCE IT
SHE REALLY DOES HAVE A CUTE FACE, BUT...
...WAIT, NO!
ANYWAYS, I'LL DEFINITELY BEAT HER NEXT TIME!

Step2
Pile on the
feelings!



YEAH. I'VE ACTUALLY BEEN FEELING AN INCOMPATIBILITY IN MY FIELD OF VISION SINCE THIS MORNING...
EH?
"INCOMPATIBILITY IN YOUR FIELD OF VISION?"
WHAT'S WRONG?
EH?
もぐ
もぐ
UM, WELL
LIKE A SHADOW.
THAT'S IT! LIKE A PRESENCE.
THAT
WOULD ...
BE...
YES?

ME, RIGHT?
HUH?
WHO IS SHE?
.....
NICE TO MEET YOU
W- WHAT WOULD AN UPPER-CLASSMAN WANT WITH ME...?
Y- yes
EH~
LET ME PROPERLY INTRODUCE MYSELF I'M A SECOND-YEAR, SHINSHI CHIHARU
I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK, ANON-SAN

THE SITE CLUB IS MAKING A HOMEPAGE FOR THE SCHOOL.
EVERY MONTH, WE PICK ONE STUDENT FROM EACH YEAR AND FEATURE THEM THERE.
AND THIS MONTH'S "FLOWER"
IS YOU, BENIHA ANON!
OR SO I WAS THINKING.
HOW ABOUT IT?
HOME-PAGE?
THIS MONTH'S "FLOWER"
Now access-ing
AH, THIS... WAS IT...
UM, IS IT OKAY WITH YOU ?

we usually use club hopefuls or student council members, but...
SO I THOUGHT THE PERSON WHO READ THE REPRESENTATIVE'S GREETING AT THE ENTRANCE CEREMONY WOULD BE GOOD.
THERE'S NO SPECIAL CRITERIA FOR THE TRANSFER STUDENTS IN APRIL,
EH? YOU WANT ME?
YUP, YOU.
YEAH, BUT
and I shouldn't be standing out
THAT TIME, IT WAS JUST BECAUSE THEY WERE IN A RUSH AND ASKED ME TO DO IT, SO
IT'S NOT LIKE THEY PICKED YOU FOR NO REASON
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
...YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW?
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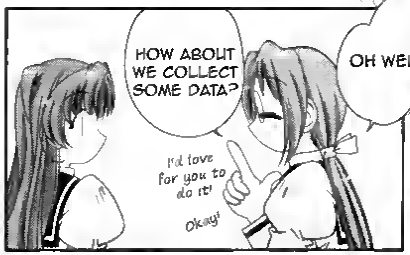
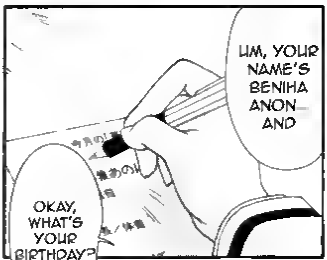
NO
.....


HOW ABOUT WE COLLECT SOME DATA?
I'd love for you to do it!
Okay!
OH WELL.

Y-YES
IF YOU ABSOLUTELY NEED ME, THEN

THIS GIRL REALLY DOESN'T...?

WELL THEN, FIRST THERE'S THE SURVEY
HOW ABOUT LATER?
yes
THANKS!


UM, YOUR NAME'S BENIHA ANON AND
OKAY, WHAT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY?

AH, I'M FINE
Sorry about that.
I'll wait!

SEPTEMBER 3
YOUR HEIGHT?
156 CM
YOUR WEIGHT
43 KG
CAN I GET YOUR THREE SIZES?
UM, IT'S 84-60-86...
AND YOUR SHOE SIZE?
IT'S 23CM
ALRIGHT, YOUR BLOODTYPE?
MY... BLOODTYPE!?
I DON'T KNOW
U-UM...
IT'S PRETTY RARE NOT TO KNOW THAT NOWADAYS...
ALRIGHT, NEXT
YOU TOOK THE EXAM TO GET IN, RIGHT? SO WHAT'S YOUR ALMA MATER?
ALMA MATER!?

UM,
U-
UH...
W-WELL, YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER IF YOU DON'T WANT TO!
GUESS I SHOULDN'T HAVE ASKED
SORRY
?
WELL
.....
ANON-SAN
YOU'RE 15... RIGHT!?
U- UM,
THAT IS... YES...
SHE OVER-THINKS THINGS I GUESS

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CHIHARU-ONEESAMA!
AND BENIHA ANON!?
WHY IS CHIHARU-ONEESAMA WITH BENIHA ANON!?

IT'S ABOUT TIME...
I HAVE TO GET BACK TO CLASS.
YOU JUST WRITE WHAT YOU CAN,
OKAY?
IF YOU'RE OKAY WITH THE REST, CAN YOU GET IT TO ME AFTER SCHOOL?
YES...
CHIHARU-ONEESAMA!

DID I JUST SEE YOU TOGETHER WITH ANON-SAN?
AH, AINA
YEAH
I'M DOING THE INTERVIEW FOR THIS MONTH'S "FLOWER"
SHE STANDS OUT THE MOST OUT OF ALL THE NEW STUDENTS, AND WASN'T SHE THE ONE WHO READ THE REPRESENTATIVE'S GREETING?
THERE'S NO REASON NOT TO PICK HER
.....
WELL...
I UNDERSTAND THAT IT BOTHERS YOU, BUT...

THAT'S NOT
IT AT ALL!
ぼう
WELL, IT'D BE GREAT IF I COULD CATCH SOMETHING INTERESTING AT TOMORROW'S ORIENTEERING
"ORIENT-EERING?"
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH US SINCE WE COMMUTE, BUT
EVERY YEAR, THE DORM INTRODUCTION MEETING IS DONE AS AN ORIENTEERING EVENT
AND I'M COLLECTING DATA FOR IT TOMORROW.
.....
I'LL PARTICIPATE TOO!
EH!?
I MIGHT COMMUTE, BUT I SHOULD AT LEAST BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE!
NO, WELL... YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO.....
I'LL GO ON AHEAD, CHIHARU-ONEESAMA
GOOD DAY!

SHE'S REALLY WORRYING ABOUT THIS..
HONESTLY
・alma mater (birthplace)
・favorite food/least favorite food
・favorite color
・admired person
……
1年A組
THAT'S RIGHT
HOBBIES, AND FAVORITE FOODS, AND MUSIC THAT THEY LIKE
NORMAL HUMANS HAVE THOSE..
AND A BIRTHPLACE TOO...
IT SHOULD BE OKAY IF I WRITE DOWN SOMETHING SUITABLE, BUT..
I...

what they had out would be fine, but
DON'T WANT TO...
WHAT'S WRONG?
hoe
AH, YEAH
IT'S NOTHING
IT'S JUST... I WAS WONDERING WHAT TO DO, SINCE THERE'S NOT MUCH THAT I CAN ACTUALLY ANSWER...
IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T WANT TO
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO WRITE IT DOWN I THINK IT WOULD BE OKAY TO JUST DECLINE
.....

DIDN'T THAT SENPAI SAY NOT TO WORRY ABOUT THAT?
JUST THINK ABOUT IT, AND WRITE DOWN WHAT YOU CAN
!
THAT SHOULD BE ENOUGH, RIGHT?
YES!
THANK YOU SO MUCH, YOSHINA-SAN.
THINK ABOUT IT, AND WRITE DOWN WHAT I CAN...
THAT'S RIGHT.
I NEED TO THINK ABOUT THE THINGS I'VE BEEN JUST KEEPING AS DATA UP UNTIL NOW, AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.
FAVORITE COLOR...
THAT'S RIGHT, WHAT COLORS DO I LIKE...

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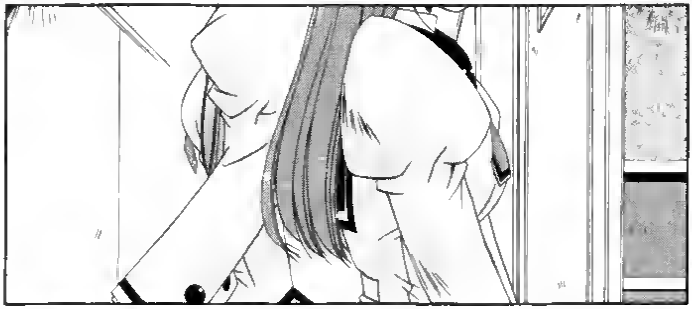
カタ
THAT GIRL IS THIS MONTH'S "FLOWER?"
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.
BENIHA ANON, HUH...
SHE HAS A REALLY PRETTY FACE...
THOUGH IT'S KIND OF SCARY HOW ORGANIZED SHE IS...
AND SHE'S PURE AND HONEST...
GOT THE TOP SCORE ON THE ENTRANCE EXAM, TOO.
HOW DID SOMEONE MANAGE TO RAISE A GIRL LIKE THAT...

SHE'S SPARKED MY INTEREST...
JUST... NO,
THAT CHILDHOOD FRIEND OF YOURS?
THOUGH I'M BOTHERED THAT I WASN'T ABLE TO USE AINA AS THE FEATURE
YEAH, I DIDN'T EXPECT ANYONE TO SURPASS AINA
SHE WAS INVINCIBLE BACK IN MIDDLE SCHOOL
SO SHE'S GAINED A RIVAL, THEN
THOSE TWO MIGHT PROVE TO BE INTERESTING
HM~M
THAT'S A COLD RESPONSE
TAKE CARE OF AINA'S SITUATION
YEAH, YEAH.
ONLY REPLY ONCE!
YE~S!
I'VE A MOUNTAIN TO GO OVER, TOUGH!
THAT'S RIGHT
WAIT ANYWAYS, ISN'T IT KIND OF HECTIC AT THE DORMS?
with planning
I'LL LEAVE AHEAD OF YOU



YOU CAME TO HAND IT IN ON YOUR OWN?
THANKS.

EH?

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. IT'S JUST A SCHOOL HOMEPAGE, AFTER ALL
DIDN'T I TELL YOU THAT IT WAS FINE?
YES...

UM..
SORRY FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO ANSWER TOO M..

?
I'M SORRY
YOU'RE JUST SO CUTE, SO...
EH?
U-UM...
DON'T FORGET THAT INNOCENCE, OKAY?
ONLY ANSWER ONCE...
YES...

ワッフル女学院寮
フルフラット
AND NOW, I'D LIKE TO START THE FRESHMEN ORIENTEERING.
New Student Reception Orientteering
Reception Orienteering
AND NOW, A GREETING FROM THE DORM LEADER
I'M THE CHAIRMAN AND DIRECTOR, THE SECOND-YEAR VICE DORM LEADER, MISAKI JUNE
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ザワ
ザワ
BUT AT THIS ORIENTEERING, YOU'LL MOVE AROUND THE DORM AND ANSWER QUESTIONS THAT WILL TEACH YOU ABOUT THE WAFFLE GIRLS' ACADEMY DORMS, "FLEFLAT"
I GUESS
SOUNDS INTERESTING
ORIGINALLY, WE WERE GOING TO GO OVER THE DORM RULES AND EXPLAIN THE FACILITIES.
FROM THE THIRD-YEARS, I'M MAKITA HITOMI, THE DORM LEADER

FOR THIS ORIENTEERING, YOU'LL BE SPLITTING INTO TWO-PERSON GROUPS.
SO FIRST, I'D LIKE TO CHOOSE THE PARTNERS.
YOU'LL BE PARTNERING UP WITH THE STUDENT THAT HAS THE SAME NUMBER AS YOU.
AND THAT'S THE ORDER THAT YOU'LL BE GOING IN.
IT'D BE NICE IF WE GOT THE SAME NUMBER...
YEAH.
YOU'VE ALREADY BEEN SENT THE ADDRESS IN YOUR MAIL, SO LOOK AT IT AND ACCESS THE SITE THAT WILL DECIDE YOUR ORDER.
ALRIGHT, EVERYBODY! CLICK IT!
GO AHEAD!
AH! NUMBER ONE!
1
I'M TWELVE...
12
THAT'S TOO BAD.
GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED.

HAS EVERYONE GOTTEN YOUR NUMBERS~?
there's nobody that hasn't gone yet~?
ALRIGHT, NUMBER ONE! RAISE YOUR HAND!
YES.
YES.
!
!
AH.

Step2 END

WHA!?
EH?
PLEASE SIT IN THE ORDER YOU WERE CALLED. THE TWO WHO GOT NUMBER ONE, PLEASE COME TO THE FRONT.
AND NOW, NUMBER TWO.

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CONTINUING WITH NUMBER THREE
PLEASE COME TO THE FRONT
IT'S MABUCHI AINA, SHE SITS NEXT TO ME IN CLASS.
SO MABUCHI-SAN LIVES IN THE DORMS TOO...
.....
SHE...
SEEMS REALLY UNHAPPY ABOUT SOME-THING
WHY AM I STUCK WITH BENIHA ANON!?
NOW THERE'S NO POINT IN ME EVEN PARTICI-PATING!

AND NOW, NUMBER TWELVE.
YES.
YES
OH? WE'VE BEEN STANDING NEXT TO EACH OTHER THIS WHOLE TIME
Y-YEAH.
PLEASED TO MEET YOU, I'M SUGITA YUUYU.
TODAY, PLEASE TAKE CARE OF ME.
I'M YOSHINA MIAMO. NICE TO MEET YOU.
MIAMO-SAN WHAT A WONDER-FUL NAME
YOSHINA MIAMO
YOU... COULD IT BE...

IS EVERYONE READY?
NOW I'LL EXPLAIN THE RULES.
ONCE WE START, QUESTIONS REGARDING NUMBERS WILL APPEAR. GO TO THE ROOM NUMBER THAT THE ANSWER HINTS AT. IF YOU GO TO THE RIGHT ROOM, YOU'LL FIND A TASK.
IF YOU DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER, YOU CAN WAIT TEN MINUTES AND THE CORRECT NUMBER WILL BE DISPLAYED.
OF COURSE, POINTS WILL BE DEDUCTED.
WHEN YOU MOVE TO THE RIGHT ROOM, YOU'LL FIND ANOTHER TASK.
IN THAT TASK, YOU'LL COMPETE TOGETHER TO GET POINTS.
I KNEW IT,
SHE'S REALLY ANGRY ABOUT SOMETHING.
THIS IS NORMAL ORIENTEERING, HUH...
NO! NO!
I HAVE TO PROPERLY INTRODUCE MYSELF!

AND THE TOP PAIR
.....
WILL GET A ONE-MONTH FREE PASS TO THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA!
WAAAAAA
NOW, THE NUMBER ONE PAIR, PLEASE COME TO THE FRONT
I GUESS WE DON'T HAVE A CHOICE
ANYWAYS, LET'S AIM FOR FIRST PLACE.
THAT ALRIGHT WITH YOU?
I'M MABUCHI AINA
NICE TO MEET YOU.
YES!
I'M BENIHA ANON! NICE TO MEET YOU!

PROCEED TO THE SAME NUMBERED ROOM AS THE ANSWER
HOW MANY THIRD-YEAR STUDENTS ARE IN WAFFLE GIRLS' ACADEMY THIS YEAR?
PI!
WELL,
READY, START!
FIGHT
WORK HARD AND GET FIRST PLACE
I'M GONNA BECOME FRIENDS WITH MABUCHI-SAN!
retrieving data
IT'S 145 STUDENTS, RIGHT?
WE SHOULD LOOK FOR A ROOM SOMEWHERE AROUND 150
though we already heard the number of first-years
THE THIRD-YEARS HAVE 5 CLASSES WITH 30 STUDENTS, SO
ALRIGHT, LET'S GO!
H-HEY!?
だっ!
EH?

PI
PIN PO~N
CORRECT!
145
.....
NOW, CHOOSE YOUR TASK.
YE~S!
わくわく
CAN I PICK IT?
E- GO AHEAD
UM~WH
ALRIGHT, THIS ONE!!

SHIRO-HIGE KIKI IPPA-TSU
MABUCHI-SAN
HE'LL FLY OUT WITH THE FIRST ONE, SO PLEASE CATCH HIM.
X-ray struc-ture ana-lysis
?
I'M ALWAYS READY TO GET HIM.
CATCHING WHITEBEARD WITH THE FEWEST SWORDS LEFT GETS THE HIGHEST SCORE
EH?
ポン!
...THIS ONE, ISN'T IT
ALRIGHT, LET'S GO!
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YOU DID IT, MABUCHI-SAN!!!
.....
THAT WAS AMAZING, GETTING THE MAX SCORE ON YOUR FIRST TRY!
YES!
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THE NUMBER ONE TEAM JUST BROKE THROUGH WITH THE FIRST QUES-TION!
P1
CONTINUING WITH NUMBER 4, STA~RT!
大会本

WHEN IS CURFEW AT THE WAFFLE GIRLS' ACADEMY DORMS?
USING THE 24-HOUR CLOCK, GO TO THE ROOM WITH THE FIRST THREE DIGITS!
.....
IT'S 21:30, SO ROOM 213!
LET'S GO, MABUCHI-SAN!
AINA
?
CALL ME BY MY NAME
AT WAFFLE, IT'S NORMAL TO CALL EACH OTHER BY NAME.
AND...
I'M NOT USED TO BEING CALLED BY MY FAMILY NAME..
OKAY, THEN
LET'S GO, AINA-SAN!

WRITING ALL THE KANJI WITH THE "亻" RADICAL
SPEED
KEN-DAMA
DRINKING THE FIRST CUP OF TEA
51
DARTS

2
3
3
Goal Tab
You are close to the finish line. Please head to the starting point in the opposite direction.
OK
PI
GOAL

EVERYONE PLEASE DO YOUR BEST TO CONTINUE!
GOAL!
THE NUMBER ONE PAIR HAS JUST RETURNED!
oh my
バシッ
AND NOW, THE FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT
THE CHAMPIONS HAD A COMBINED SCORE OF 92 POINTS!
フラット

WAAAA
THE AINA-SAN / ANON-SAN PAIR!
COME TO THE FRONT, YOU TWO!
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パチ
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YOU'VE EXPERIENCED MANY THINGS
DURING YOUR TIME TOGETHER.
ONCE YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THIS,
I BELIEVE YOU'LL KNOW THE TRUE MEANING OF THIS ORIENTEERING
I THINK YOU'LL FIND IT USEFUL
IN THE THREE YEARS YOU'LL SPEND AT "FLEFLAT"
BY THE WAY, THIS PRODUCTION WAS SPONSORED BY THE SECOND-YEARS.
SO WE'LL BE COUNTING ON YOU ALL NEXT YEAR
AND NOW, THE ORIENTEERING IS COMPLETE!
FINALLY, YOU MAY HAVE BEEN SMELLING SOMETHING GOOD FOR SOME TIME NOW.
IT'S A BIT EARLY, BUT THE THIRD-YEARS HAVE PREPARED DINNER. LET'S ALL ENJOY IT TOGETHER!
GOOD WORK, EVERY-ONE!

EH?
AINA-SAN, YOU'RE NOT A DORM STUDENT?

DEAD SILENT
THEN WHY?
.....
THAT IS, WELL...
YUUYU-SAN!!
U FU FU FU FU FU FU
?
EEH~
SO WHY DID YOU?
UU

BUT IT SEEMED LIKE YOU REALLY WANTED TO GET THE TOP SCORE?
NO WAY, IT WAS BECAUSE I DIDN'T EXPECT TO GET PAIRED UP WITH ANON-SAN

HOW WAS IT? THE ORIENTEERING
IT WAS A BOTHER
REALLY?

ANON-SAN.. HUH..
WELL, DID YOU LEARN ANYTHING IMPORTANT ABOUT BENIHA ANON?

WELL...
I STILL DON'T KNOW...

I KNOW SHE WAS DOING HER BEST, BUT
SHE'S JUST SO INNOCENT, LIKE THERE'S NO SUBSTANCE BEHIND IT.
KIND OF LIKE WATCHING A DREAM...

HEE~
THEN YOU WERE TIMID?
SHE JUST OVERPOWERED ME...
UMM~

JUST,
I NEEDED ALL MY STRENGTH JUST TO KEEP UP WITH HER
I'LL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO IT FROM NOW ON!
WHAT WAS THAT, CHIHARU-ONEESAMA!?
AH, NO,
JUST THAT YOU SEEM PRETTY TALKATIVE...
YOU LIKE HER?
TH-THAT'S NOT TRUE!
ANON-SAN IS MY ENEMY!!
JUST...
I'LL GO AGAINST HER WITH A SENSE OF AFFECTION AND RESPECT...

FUU
I THOUGHT SHE WAS SCARY AT FIRST, BUT SHE REALLY ISN'T.
I GOT TO TALK WITH AINA-SAN A WHOLE LOT TODAY
AND LEARN EVEN MORE ABOUT HUMANS
AND MAKE MORE FRIENDS
I WANT TO TALK MORE,
BI
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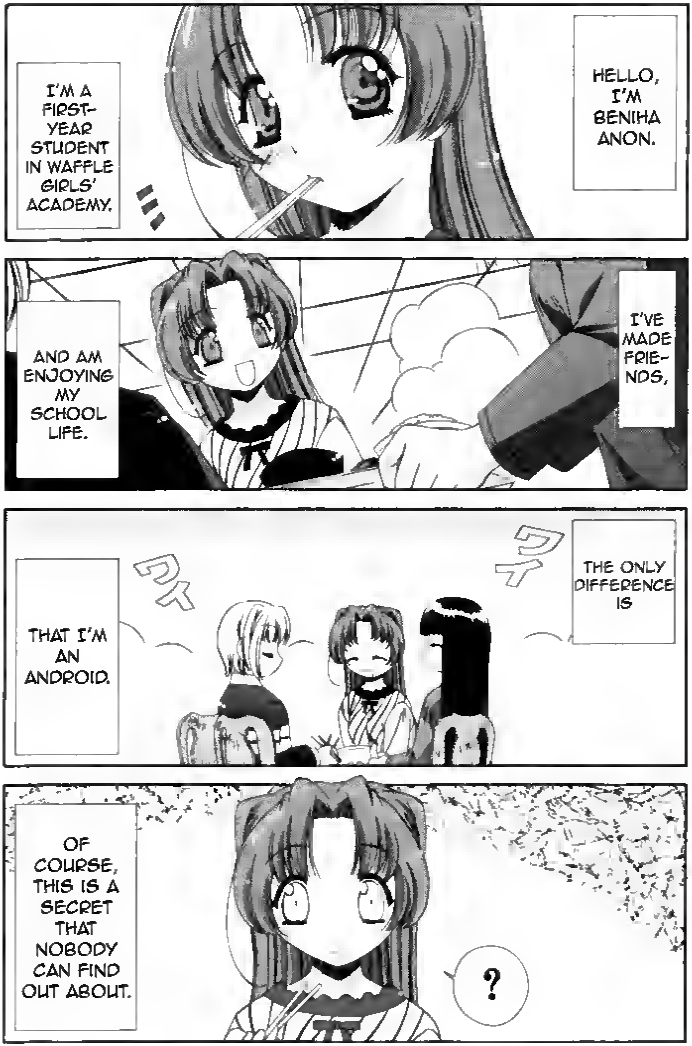
BI
BWAAAAAA
system about to shut down again

Step3 END


HELLO, I'M BENIHA ANON.
I'M A FIRST-YEAR STUDENT IN WAFFLE GIRLS' ACADEMY.
I'VE MADE FRIENDS,
AND AM ENJOYING MY SCHOOL LIFE.
THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IS
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THAT I'M AN ANDROID.
OF COURSE, THIS IS A SECRET THAT NOBODY CAN FIND OUT ABOUT.
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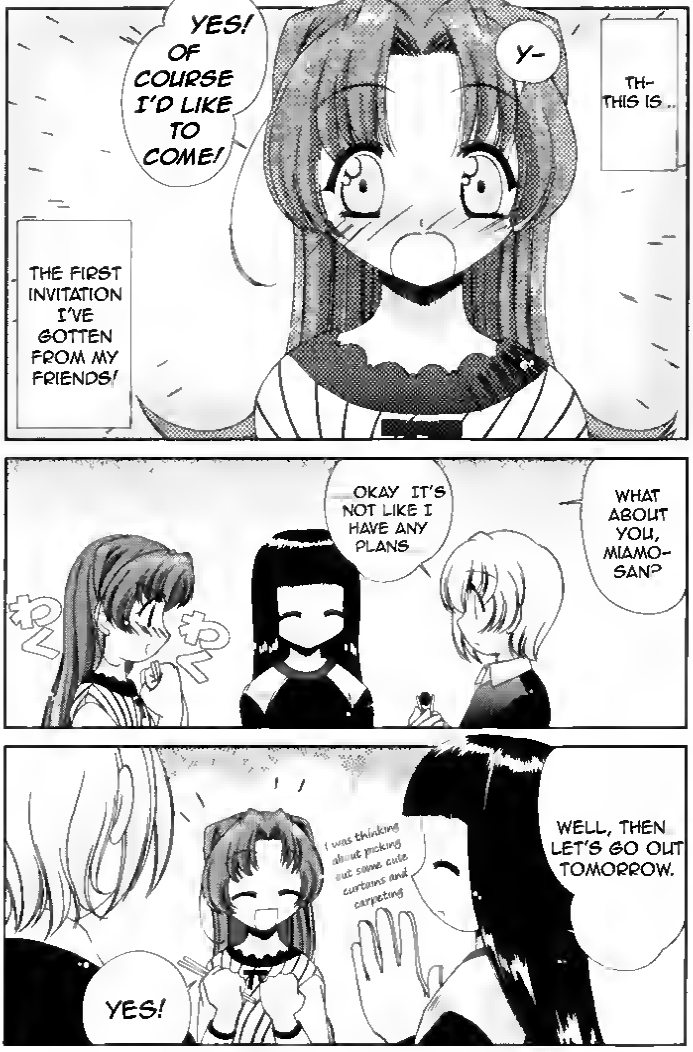
Step4
Going Out
with
Everyone


YES! OF COURSE I'D LIKE TO COME!
Y-
TH- THIS IS..
THE FIRST INVITATION I'VE GOTTEN FROM MY FRIENDS!
OKAY IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVE ANY PLANS
WHAT ABOUT YOU, MIAMO-SAN?
I was thinking about picking out some cute curtains and carpeting
WELL, THEN LET'S GO OUT TOMORROW.
YES!

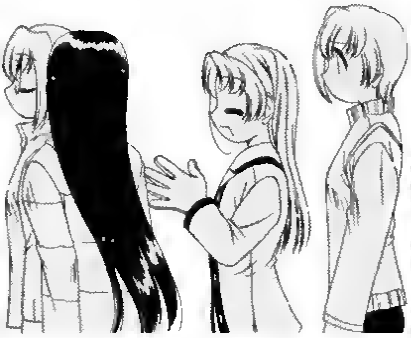
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO TOMORROW!
SHOPPING WITH MY FRIENDS..
Time set.
System off.
ゴロン
GOOD NIGHT..

YUUUYU-SA~
AINA-SAN.
NN ~!?
...WHAT IS THIS?
O HO HO HO HO...

WAA
THE REAL THING...

THAT'S RIGHT. IF I SAID IT WAS MY FIRST TIME SHOPPING,

...THAT WOULD BE STRANGE.



Wow there's so many curtains!
YES!
HOW ABOUT THESE?
ANON-SAN.
HAVE YOU FOUND ANYTHING NICE?
EH?
EH?
EH?

carpet
THAT'S STRANGE...
I THOUGHT I PICKED OUT NICE ONES...
ALRIGHT, IN THAT CASE,
YUUYU-SAN, HOW ABOUT THESE ONES?
PH-
.....
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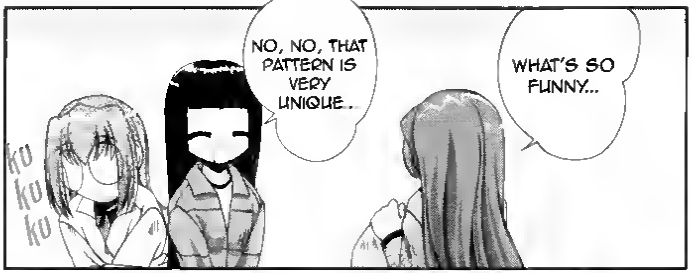
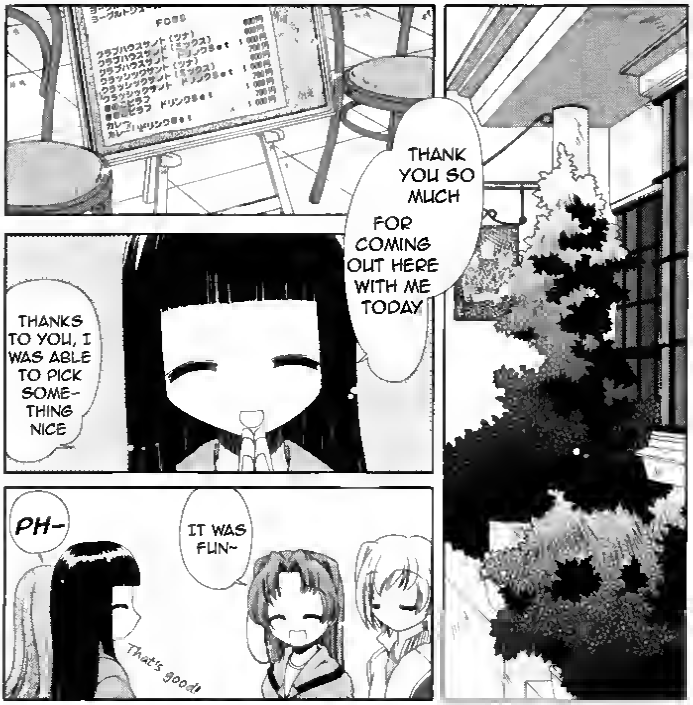

NO, NO, THAT PATTERN IS VERY UNIQUE..
WHAT'S SO FUNNY...
ku ku ku


THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR COMING OUT HERE WITH ME TODAY
THANKS TO YOU, I WAS ABLE TO PICK SOME-THING NICE
PH-
IT WAS FUN~
That's good

IT WAS FUN.
Nyuu
KU KU KU
mu~
YOU LAUGH TOO MUCH, AINA-SAN.
oh
MIAMO-SAN, THERE WAS NOTHING THAT INTERESTED YOU?
EH?
NO, THAT'S NOT IT...
I SEE, THAT'S GOOD THEN.
Let's go shopping again!
yes!

LOOKS LIKE SHE'S GOTTEN PRETTY ACCUSTOMED.
Could you not go on about that?
I'm so glad that we get to eat for free!
AA~
LI~
SS~!
!

YUP!
MADOKA-ONEESAN!
AN ACQUAINT-ANCE OF HERS?
?
AH, YES.
UM,
AH...
I'M THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR, SHIINA MADOKA.
I CAN'T SAY SHE'S FROM THE LAB.
WHAT DO I DO?

I'VE KNOWN ANON-SAN SINCE SHE WAS LITTLE.
!
WELL,
SHE'S LIKE MY LITTLE SISTER!
SO THESE GIRLS ARE ALIS'S...
IF ANYTHING'S TROUBLING YOU, DON'T HESITATE TO COME TALK TO ME.
.....
I guess I have nothing to worry about
AND, NOW I'M GOING TO BORROW ANON-SAN FOR A LITTLE WHILE
U-um,
LEAVE
Well, then
I understand that she's an acquaintance...
Um,

昼食中
WELL? WELL? HOW WAS IT?
HOW'S IT FEEL TO LIVE AMONG HUMANS?
yes yes
I see
IT'S FUN! AND NOBODY LOOKS AT ME FUNNY!
AND, I MADE FRIENDS!
THOSE GIRLS FROM BEFORE?
YES!

I SEE.
SO IT'S MORE FUN TO BE WITH YOUR FRIENDS. AND YOU HAVEN'T COME TO VISIT AT ALL....
YOUR MOTHER WAS SO VERY LONELY.
THAT'S RIGHT. IT'S MORE IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO HAVE FRIENDS.
B- BUT YOU'RE MONITORING ME, SO AREN'T YOU WORRIED ABOUT THE CIRCUM-STANCES!?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT...
WHY DO YOU THINK I WANTED TO "TALK" WITH YOU?
?
THERE'S NO PARENT WHO DOESN'T WORRY ABOUT THEIR CHILD.
OH WELL.
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE DOING FINE..

THEN WHAT'S THIS ABOUT THE REPRESENTATIVE'S GREETING AT THE ENTRANCE CEREMONY AND WINNING THE ORIENTEERING AT THE DORMS
OF COURSE!
BUT ALIS..
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE DISCRETE AND CAREFUL OF YOUR ACTIONS, RIGHT?
TH-THAT'S
an "act of God" or something
HM~M
ALIS, SO YOU LIKE "RED" ...
カチッ
AH!
AAH! DON'T LOOK!!

S-SORR...
kya
YOU DID YOUR BEST...
YOU'RE SO CUTE, ALIS...
YES...
IT SEEMS THAT I DON'T HAVE ANY SENSE OF PICKING "CUTE" THINGS
I- IS THAT SO?
WHAT IS "CUTE?"
THAT'S RIGHT.
?

BU~T
THAT'S NO GOOD.
it'd be another story if it was a fatal error, but.
boo
IF I DID THAT, IT'D BE LIKE I WAS CONTROLLING YOUR PERSONALITY
!
CAN'T YOU GIVE ME AN UPDATE OR SOMETHING TO MAKE MY SENSE BETTER?
THE ONE WHO SAID THEY WANTED TO LIVE AMONG PEOPLE THEIR OWN AGE
WAS YOU.
did my best on that EMI test~
though it's already past the afternoon
GOOD MORNING, ALIS.
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GOOD MORNING, MADOKA-ONEESAN.

EH?
WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW!?
well well
"I WANT FRIENDS..." ...THAT
!
MADOKA-ONEESAN, I WANT FRIENDS.
I SAW ALL KINDS OF MEDIA,
AND I LEARNED THAT HUMANS MY AGE GO TO SCHOOL AND STUDY...
IT'S FUN WITH EVERYONE IN THE LAB, BUT I KIND OF WANT TO SEE THE OUTSIDE WORLD...
?
EH?
EH?

THAT IS
WITHOUT A DOUBT, A CHOICE YOU MADE ON YOUR OWN AFTER STUDYING AND OBTAINING INFORMATION.
THE KIDS AROUND YOU HAVE BEEN LIVING FOR 15 YEARS.
YOU'RE NO MATCH FOR THE VALUES AND EXPERIENCES THAT THEY'VE GAINED OVER THAT PERIOD OF TIME.
BUT,
YOU HAVE THE POWER TO COMPENSATE FOR THAT.
YOU WERE ABLE TO DECIDE THAT YOU "LIKE" THE COLOR "RED," AFTER ALL.
SO,
I WANT YOU TO DO YOUR BEST.
YES.

THIS IS CUTE.
?
IT'S CUTE.
PLUS, YOUR LACK OF SENSE MAKES YOU UNIQUE
through Yuuya-san said the same thing
IT'S NOT SOMETHING I'M TOO HAPPY ABOUT, THOUGH...

YES, THIS IS THE PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY PREP ROOM.
ガチャ
AH, TAKUTO~? LISTEN, LISTEN!
I'M BUSY RIGHT NOW
WITH MAKING TESTS
ルルルル
Physical Chemistry Preparation Room

JUST NOW,
ALIS CAME BY...
カチャ
カチャ
SHE WAS BEGGING ME!
EH, THAT'S AMAZING
RIGHT?
ISN'T IT?
WELL, WHAT WAS SHE BEGGING FOR?
SHE WANTED ME TO "GIVE HER BETTER SENSE."
SENSE?
whuzzat?
PH-
HEY~ I CAN HEAR YOU, YOU KNOW
SHE WANTED TO PICK OUT SOMETHING "CUTE,"
SO I TOLD HER THAT "WASN'T CUTE."

I FEEL LIKE I GET IT...
WH- WHAT WAS THAT~?
WELL, SHE'S FINALLY BEGUN TO MOVE
.....I GUESS...
YEAH, FROM NOW ON...
FROM NOW ON, I THINK LOTS OF THINGS WILL HAPPEN...
♪
DO YOUR BEST, ALIS...

Step4 END

FIVE OF SPADES.
MENTAL SHOCK, WEARINESS, ANGER...
NINE OF CLUBS.
U~M...
IMPENDING HARDSHIP A WARNING THAT YOU SHOULD BE MORE EASY-GOING.
AH!

Step5
Budding
Feelings

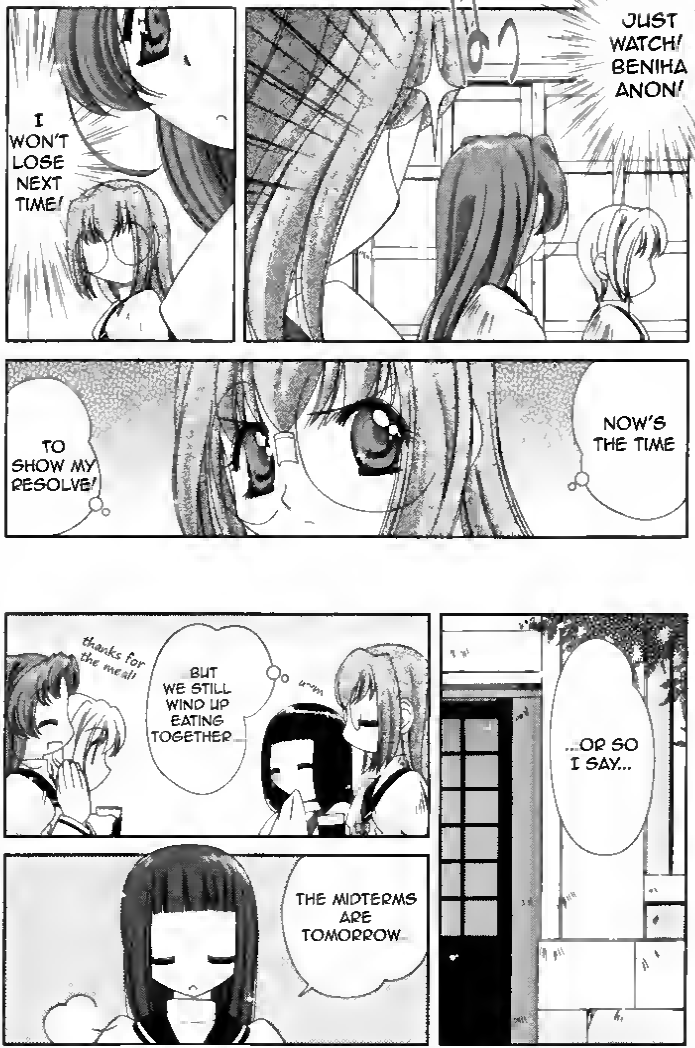
OH! PLEASE WAIT!
ぱ?
THAT'S ENOUGH. PLEASE DON'T DO ANY MORE...
IT'S JUST FORTUNE TELLING
BUT YOUR FORTUNETELLING IS RIGHT, YUUYU-SAN...
IF IT COMES TRUE..
IT'S TRUE THAT YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO CONCENTRATE FOR THE MIDTERM EXAMS...
EVER SINCE THE ADVANCED COURSES, I'VE BEEN THROWN OFF... THIS AND THAT...
DO YOU DISLIKE ANON-SAN?
IT'S NOT LIKE I HATE HER OR ANYTHING, BUT
SHE'S MY ENEMY.

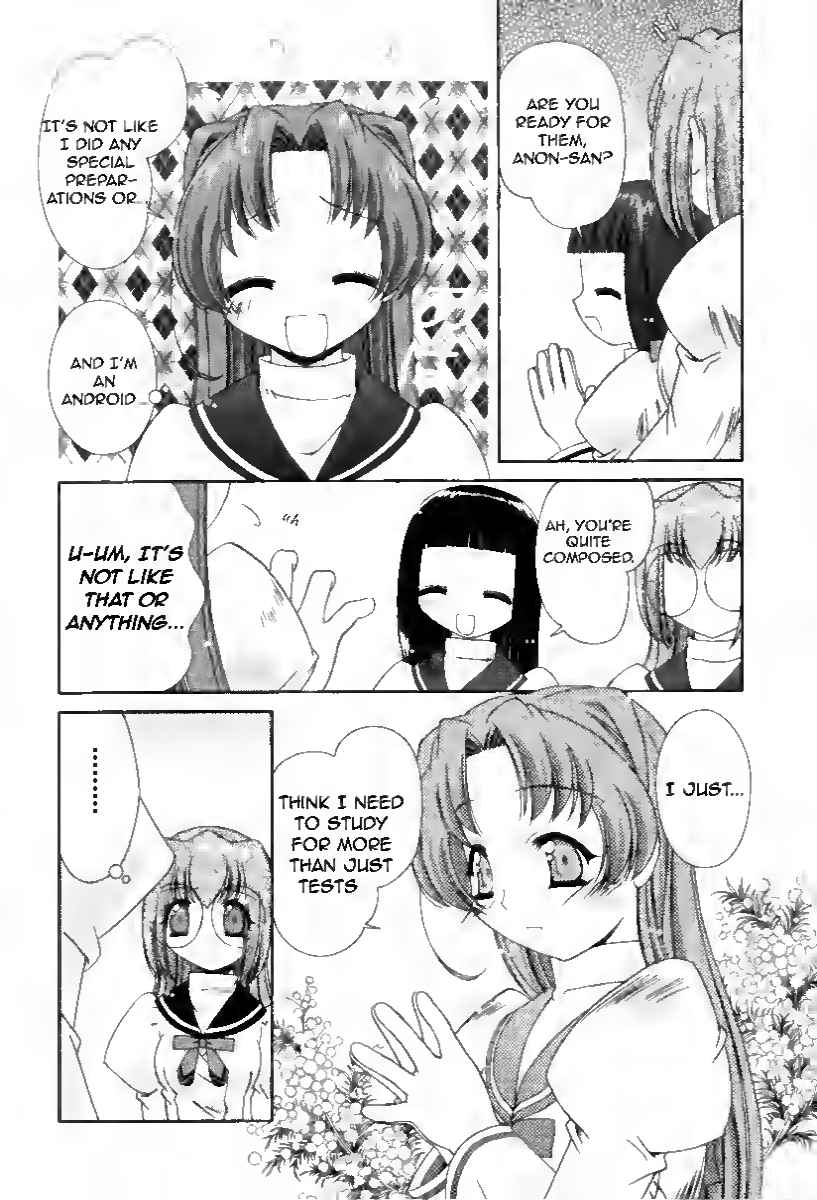
U~M...
I THINK IT FITS PRETTY WELL...
.....
THE NINE OF HEARTS
THE CARD EXPRESSING THE FULFILLMENT OF HOPES AND DREAMS
THE NEXT CARD IS BAD SO I THINK IT WAS A LITTLE TOO LATE
THE TEN OF CLUBS ...
ehe
.....
I KNEW IT.

contacts
(for matches)
That's our rookie!
Yup yup
AINA-SAN IS AMAZING...
I HAVE TO DO MY BEST TOO...
パン
That was an example just now~
YE~S!
WE'LL BE STARTING ARCHERY TODAY.
THE OTHER SIDE, START PRACTICING~

U~M...
I THOUGHT IT WOULD HIT A BIT CLOSER TO THE CENTER
THIS IS PRETTY HARD...
ANON-SAN! DO YOU WANT TO JOIN THE ARCHERY CLUB!?
N..NO THANKS...
We'd love to have you!
.....

AINA-SAN!
THERE'S A PART WE NEED HELP WITH, SO COULD YOU?
EH?
YEAH, THAT'S FINE
I... IS THAT SO
WE'D LIKE TO ASK IF YOU COULD MAKE A HELP PAGE LIKE YOU DID BACK IN THE MIDDLE CLASSES
YOU CAN ALWAYS ASK ME FOR HELP!
...YEAH, THIS FEELING.
THIS IS HOW IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE...


I WON'T LOSE NEXT TIME!
JUST WATCH! BENIHA ANON!
NOW'S THE TIME
TO SHOW MY RESOLVE!
thanks for the meal!
BUT WE STILL WIND UP EATING TOGETHER...
um~m
THE MIDTERMS ARE TOMORROW...
...OR SO I SAY...

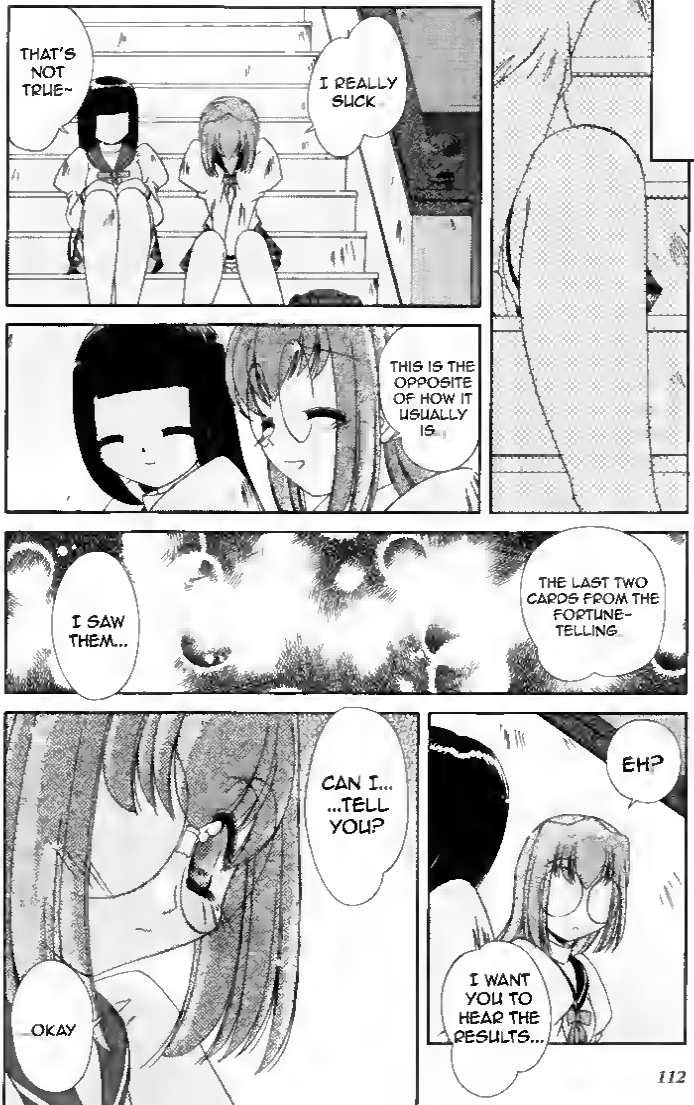

ARE YOU READY FOR THEM, ANON-SAN?
IT'S NOT LIKE I DID ANY SPECIAL PREPAR-ATIONS OR...
AND I'M AN ANDROID...
AH, YOU'RE QUITE COMPOSED.
U-UM, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT OR ANYTHING...
I JUST...
THINK I NEED TO STUDY FOR MORE THAN JUST TESTS
.....

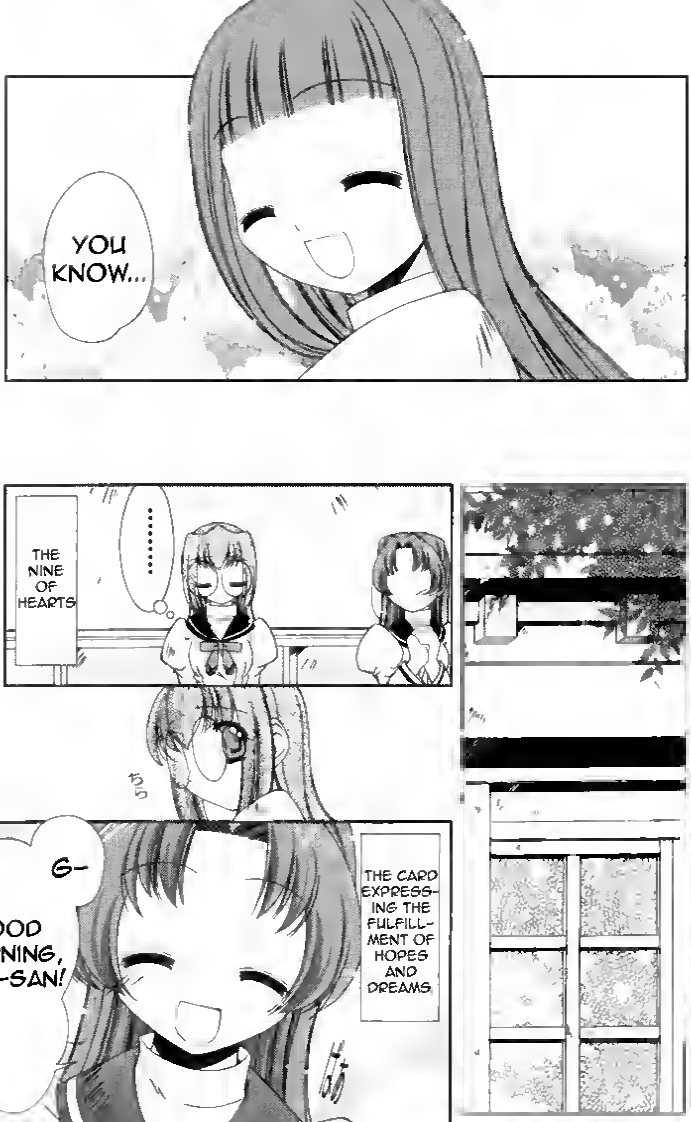
AND NOW, HERE ARE THE MIDTERM RESULTS~
1年A組
THE TOP TWO SCORERS
CAME FROM OUR OWN CLASS!
FIRST PLACE ...
BENIHA ANON-SAN.
AND IN SECOND PLACE, MABUCHI AINA-SAN.
I LOST...
I LOST ...
I LOST ...
AGAIN...

ガーン
КУДА!
I WENT TO TELL MADOKA-ONEESAN, SO I'M LATE...
たたたた
♪
AH!
AINA-SAN! ARE YOU OKAY!?
E- E- EXCUSE ME!!!
OWOWOW
I- I'M FINE!
ぱっ
THANK GOOD-NESS~
SORRY, I WAS JUST
WHY...

?
SO CRUEL!
WHY ARE YOU...
I...!
ぶわっ
?
AINA-SAN
AH!
!

CAN'T BELIEVE I ACTUALLY CRIED!
I... I...
IN FRONT OF BENIHA ANON...
AND ON TOP OF THAT...
KH...
KYA!
AI-CHAN!
!
U- UM,
S- SORRY...


I REALLY SUCK...
THAT'S NOT TRUE~
THIS IS THE OPPOSITE OF HOW IT USUALLY IS...
THE LAST TWO CARDS FROM THE FORTUNE-TELLING...
I SAW THEM...
CAN I... ...TELL YOU?
OKAY
EH?
I WANT YOU TO HEAR THE RESULTS...


YOU KNOW...
THE NINE OF HEARTS
.....
G-
GOOD MORNING, AINA-SAN!
THE CARD EXPRESSING THE FULFILLMENT OF HOPES AND DREAMS.

THE TEN OF CLUBS
THE CARD OF STRONG LUCK AND NEW ENCOUNTERS
G-
GOOD MORNING.
?
THIS MEETING
WHAT'S WRONG, AINA-SAN?
I-IT'S NOTHING!
YOUR HEARTRATE IS RISING AND YOUR FACE IS FLUSHED.
IS DEFINITELY

Step5 END

I WANT TO GET BETTER SO I CAN HEAR YOU PLAY PIANO, MIA-CHAN.
THAT'S RIGHT. AND
'KAY.
HURRY UP AND GET BETTER SO WE CAN BOTH GO TO WAFFLE!

I...
STILL...

Step6 Sad Rain, With.....

Recital
~creating a melody
AND NOW I'D LIKE TO PICK WHO DOES THE ACCOMPANI-MENT...
AROUND THAT TIME...
THE CANDIDATES ARE...
SHE DOESN'T SEEM WELL...
HER PULSE IS NORMAL, BUT...
MIAMO SEEMED TO BE KIND OF OFF...
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ザワ
SHE WASN'T VERY TALKATIVE TO BEGIN WITH, BUT...
if anyone has experience
IF THERE ISN'T, THEN I'D LIKE TO TAKE NOMINATIONS
YES!
I NOMINATE YOSHINA MIAMO-SAN!

I- I...
UM...
EH?
MIANO-SAN SEEMS TO BE IN TROUBLE..
.....
U- UM!
.....
I'LL PLAY AS WELL!!

第３音楽室
HOW MUCH EXPERIENCE DO YOU HAVE, ANON-SAN?
UM. .
THE TRUTH IS, IT'S MY FIRST TIME
ahaha
EH?
IT'S FINE! I STUDIED HOW TO PLAY!
AND AS LONG AS I HAVE THE DATA, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO PLAY IT JUST FINE
EH? AH- BUT
WELL, LET'S HEAR YOU PLAY
!

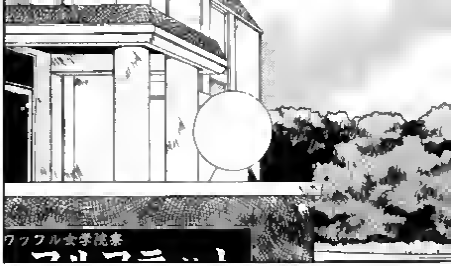
SHE'S GOOD.
NO DOUBT ABOUT IT.
JUST, SHE ISN'T HITTING THE KEYS WITH ENOUGH STRENGTH, SO THE CHORDS ARE GETTING COVERED UP.
AND SHE'S FINGERING THE KEYS WRONG...
..BUT I CAN TELL THAT SHE'S DOING HER BEST...
AND SHE SEEMS LIKE SHE'S HAVING FUN.
...!?
I...
.....JUST NOW
How was it?
NEXT IS MIAMO-SAN'S.
I...
UM.....

I CAN'T!!
I'M SORRY!
ガラッ
第3音楽室
MIAMO-SAN!?
第3音楽室
NORIKO-SENSEI...
.....
I GUESS I RUSHED HER...
DO YOU KNOW THE PIANIST "YOSHINAMI AMO?"

EEEH
EEEH
EEEH
YOSHINAMI AMO?
I KNOW THE NAME, BUT...
checking
...WAIT
?
just realized
AT 14, SHE RELEASED A CLASSICAL MUSIC COMPILATION, AND MADE WONDROUS SALES RECORDS FOR A CLASSICAL ROOKIE. THEY'RE ANTICIPATING HER NEXT MOVE...
can't find any image data though...
....YOSHINAMI AMO. AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 13, SHE WON A NATIONAL CONTEST AND MADE HER ORCHESTRAL DEBUT.
EH?
BUT WHY?
THEN...
YES.
THAT YOSHINAMI AMO IS MIAMO-SAN.
SHE CAN'T PLAY RIGHT NOW THANKS TO CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT...

HAVE YOU EVER HEARD MIAMO-SAN PLAY?
NO...
A FINE TIMBRE AND SUBTLE EXPRESSION...
JUST FROM LISTENING TO IT, YOUR HEART BECOMES SO WARM.
THAT'S HER SOUND...
...SO
I WAS THINKING THAT IF SHE JUST HAD THE CHANCE...
BUT I GUESS SHE NEEDS A LITTLE MORE TIME.

MIA-CHAN
I.....
I REALLY...
...BUT
I...
BUT
BUT



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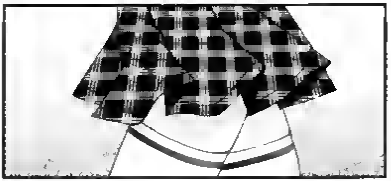

WHAT SHOULD I DO...

WHAT I CAN DO IS...

MIAMO-SAN.
CAN I SPEAK WITH YOU LATER?
YES
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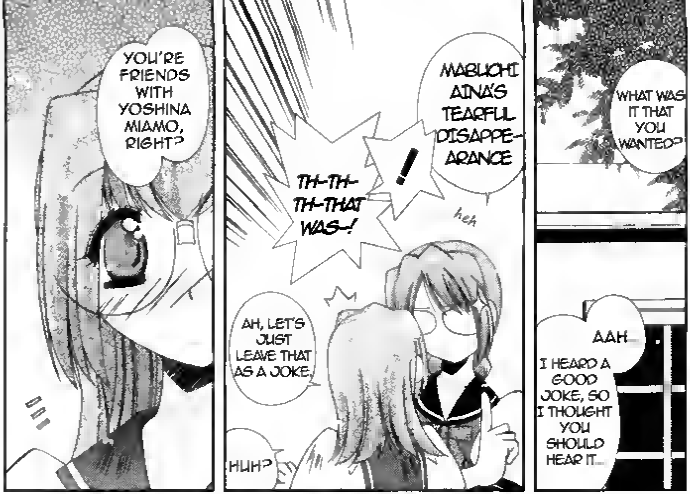
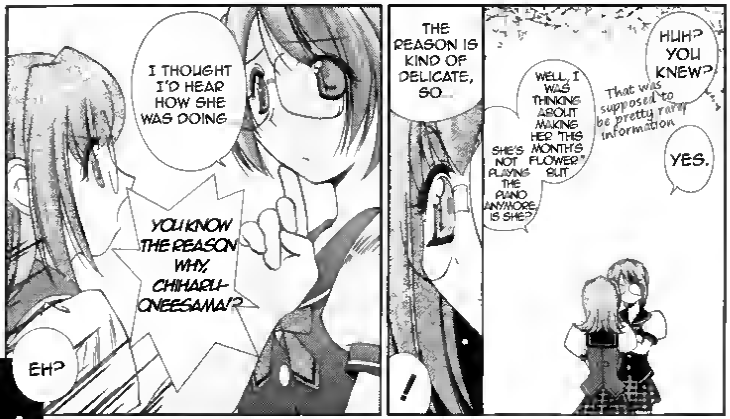
WHAT I
CAN DO IS
MADOKA-ONEESAN!
OH, ALIS?

U- UM, WELL!
SEE YOU LATER~
see ya~
EH?
SORRY, ALIS...
NORIKO JUST CALLED~
EH?
and your summer uniform's cute!
UM...


YOU'RE FRIENDS WITH YOSHINA MIAMO, RIGHT?
MABUCHI AINA'S TEARFUL DISAPPEARANCE
!
TH-TH-TH-THAT WAS-!
heh
AH, LET'S JUST LEAVE THAT AS A JOKE.
HUH?
WHAT WAS IT THAT YOU WANTED?
AAH...
I HEARD A GOOD JOKE, SO I THOUGHT YOU SHOULD HEAR IT...

I KNOW THAT.
EH?
THE TRUTH IS, SHE'S ACTUALLY A SUPER FAMOUS PIANIST NAMED YOSHINAMI AMO...


I THOUGHT I'D HEAR HOW SHE WAS DOING
YOU KNOW THE REASON WHY, CHIHARU-ONEESAMA!?
EH?
THE REASON IS KIND OF DELICATE, SO...
!
HUH? YOU KNEW?
That was supposed to be pretty rare information
YES.
WELL, I WAS THINKING ABOUT MAKING HER THIS MONTH'S FLOWER, BUT SHE'S NOT PLAYING THE PIANO ANYMORE, IS SHE?

RAIN...
HUH...
ギュッ
AH.
IT'S GOTTEN KIND OF STRONG, HASN'T IT.

MIAMO-SAN!
ARE YOU OKAY!?
YOUR BODY'S SO COLD...
LET'S HURRY BACK AND GET YOU WARMED UP.

浴室
SHE REALLY IS OFF..
MIAMO-SA-N
ふっ
muh!
.....

ﾊﾝ…
THERE!
THAT'S NO GOOD! AND WE CAME TO THE BATH TO GET YOU WARMED UP, TOO...
AND..
YOU'LL CATCH COLD.

PLEASE...
PLEASE CHEER UP.
WHEN YOU'RE DOING BAD,
SO AM I...
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HUH-
THE WATER!?
シャアアアア
GUESS I WAS WASTING HOT WATER!
ahahahahaha
SORRY...
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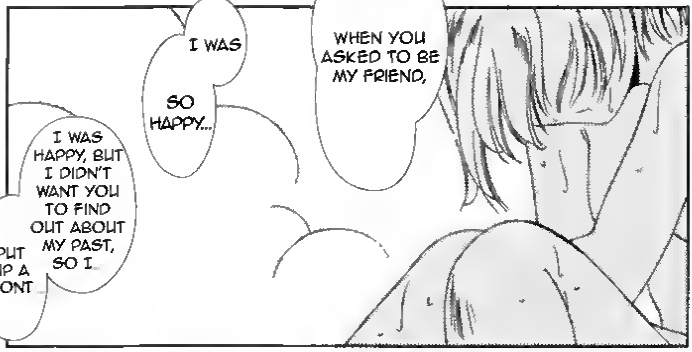
WHEN YOU ASKED TO BE MY FRIEND,
I WAS SO HAPPY...
I WAS HAPPY, BUT I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO FIND OUT ABOUT MY PAST, SO I...
PUT UP A FRONT

.....
EVEN THOUGH I KNOW IT WAS SO RUDE,
I'M HAVING YOU FAWN OVER ME LIKE THIS...

I'M SORRY...
THAT'S...

!
I HAD A LITTLE SISTER
HELPED ME OUT, MIAMO-SAN...
EH?
oh yeah
I'LL WASH YOUR HAIR, MIAMO-SAN
YOU'VE ALSO
I TRIED MY BEST SO THAT SHE COULD HEAR ME PLAY.
EH?
I LOVE YOUR PLAYING, MIAMO-CHAN!
SHE USED TO LOVE HEARING ME PLAY THE PIANO
BECAUSE I LOVED TO SEE HER SMILING FACE
THAT'S WHY I PLAYED THE PIANO...
BE LISTENING, 'KAY~
I'LL ALWAYS
AALWAYS

AND THEN,
THE PEOPLE AROUND ME RAISED A FUSS AND I WAS ABLE TO PLAY IN LOTS OF DIFFERENT PLACES, IN FRONT OF LOTS OF PEOPLE...
BUT EVEN THEN,
I WAS PLAYING THE PIANO FOR MY SISTER'S SAKE
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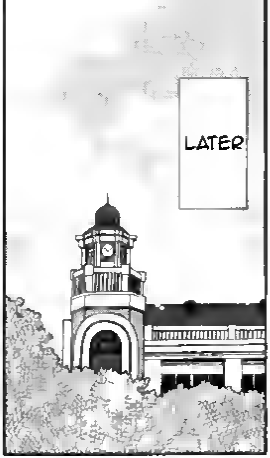
SO I QUIT THE PIANO,
AND TRIED TO JUST FORGET ABOUT IT.
I TRIED, BUT I COULDN'T...
IT HURT...
BUT I REALIZED
WHEN I SAW YOU PLAYING THE PIANO RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME...
I...
REALLY DO LOVE IT...

THOSE PRECIOUS MEMORIES, YOU CAN'T FORGET THEM...
YOU CAN'T FORGET!
MIAMO-SAN'S PIANO, I'LL LISTEN, SO
I'LL LISTEN.
IF YOU STILL LIKE IT, THEN KEEP PLAYING.
SO
...THANKS.

MIAMO-SAN TOOK UP THE ACCOMPANIMENT FOR THE RECITAL,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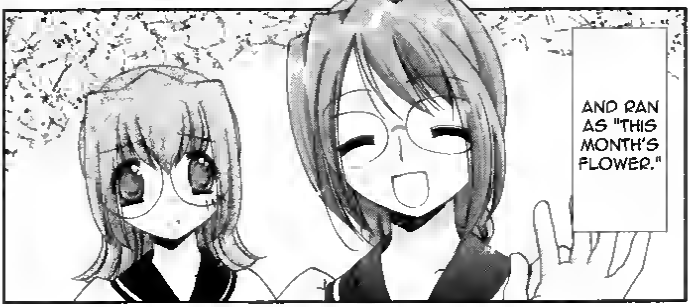
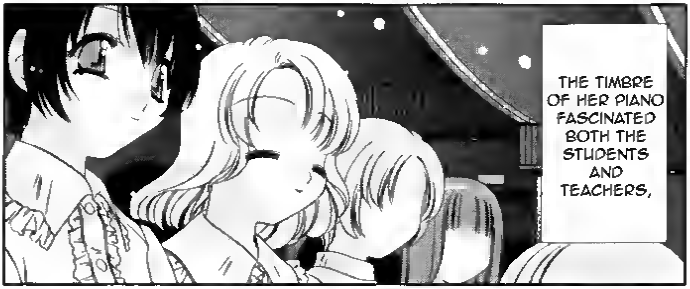
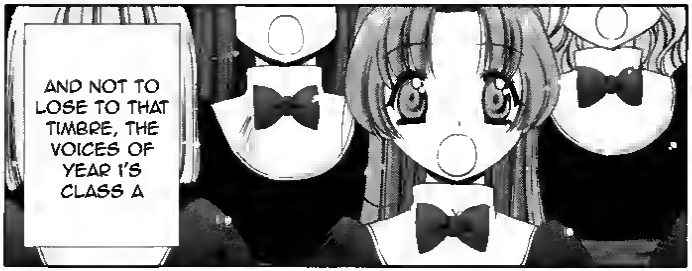

AND RAN AS "THIS MONTH'S FLOWER."

AND EVERYONE IN SCHOOL FOUND OUT ABOUT THE EXISTANCE OF THE FAMOUS PIANIST, YOSHINAMI AMO

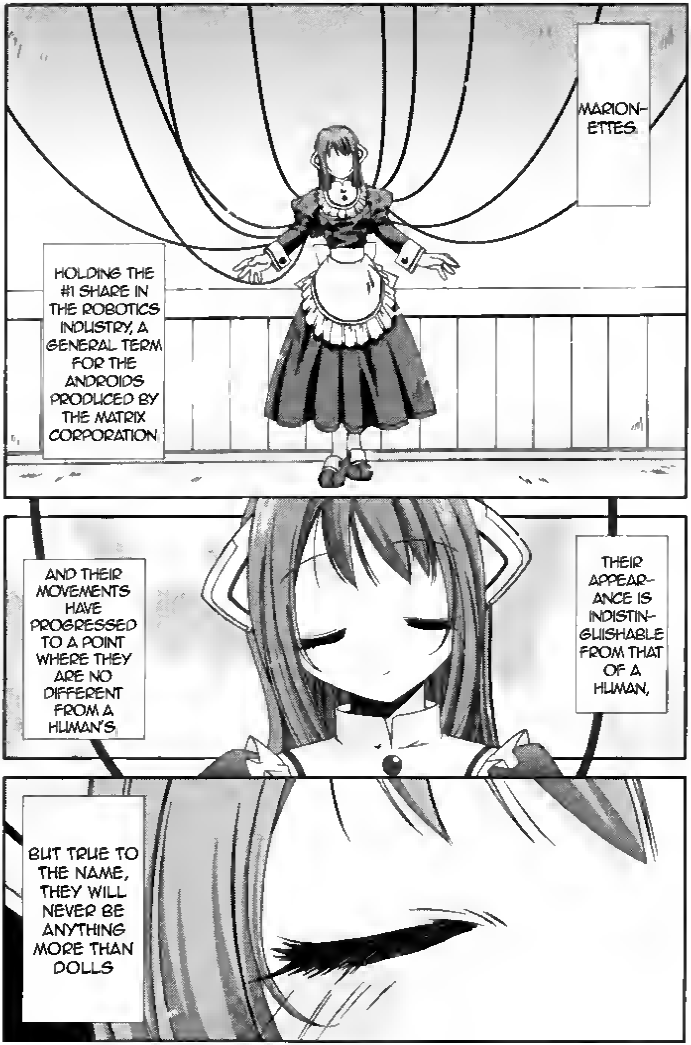
THE DAY OF THE RECITAL
THE POINT OF INTEREST WAS THE MELODY OF THE PIANIST, YOSHINAMI AMO


THE TIMBRE OF HER PIANO FASCINATED BOTH THE STUDENTS AND TEACHERS,


AND NOT TO LOSE TO THAT TIMBRE, THE VOICES OF YEAR 1'S CLASS A

ECHOED THROUGH-OUT THE BLUE SKY,
SCENTED WITH THE HYDRA-NGEA FLOWERS OF JUNE.

Step6 END


MARIONETTES.
HOLDING THE #1 SHARE IN THE ROBOTICS INDUSTRY, A GENERAL TERM FOR THE ANDROIDS PRODUCED BY THE MATRIX CORPORATION
THEIR APPEARANCE IS INDISTINGUISHABLE FROM THAT OF A HUMAN,
AND THEIR MOVEMENTS HAVE PROGRESSED TO A POINT WHERE THEY ARE NO DIFFERENT FROM A HUMAN'S.
BUT TRUE TO THE NAME, THEY WILL NEVER BE ANYTHING MORE THAN DOLLS

And...
Haaa~
Waffle's library is huge!

SO LONG AS THEY LACK A PROGRAM WHICH GRANTS THEM FREE WILL...

IT'S BEEN THREE MONTHS SINCE I CAME TO WAFFLE GIRLS' ACADEMY.
I'VE MADE FRIENDS, AND AM ENJOYING MY SCHOOL LIFE.
THAT'S RIGHT, I CHOSE A SCHOOL BECAUSE ...

Step7
Don't Tell
Anyone

And the dress is an alternate-colored original-type replica!
AH, A NEW MARIONETTE!
ANOTHER NEW MODEL MONITOR!
IT'S NOR-SE!
I'VE LOVED THEM EVER SINCE I WAS LITTLE, SO THAT'S WHY I CAME TO WAFFLE
WELL...
BECAUSE AINA-SAN HAS A WEAKNESS FOR MARIONETTES
?

TRIUMPHANT
HUH...
YEAH! THAT'S WHY WE'RE ABLE TO SEE THE NEW MODELS BEFORE THE PUBLIC DOES!
DIDN'T YOU KNOW?
WAFFLE'S CHAIRMAN IS RELATED TO THE DIRECTOR OF MATRIX, THE COMPANY THAT PRODUCES MARIONETTES.
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THOUGH THE NEWEST MODEL IS RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU...
LATELY, THERE'VE BEEN A LOT OF PEOPLE GOING INTO MATRIX FROM WAFFLE.
HEE...
LOOK, LOOK! THOSE ELEGANT MOVE-MENTS!
charming

AND THEY STILL DON'T HAVE FEELINGS OF "FRIENDSHIP"
I can't do fortunetelling for them either
THAT'S RIGHT,

I'M TOO AFRAID TO GET CLOSE TO THEM, BUT...

I... WANT TO SEE THEM MOVE LIKE REAL PEOPLE.
THAT'S WHY I WANT TO MAKE IT INTO MATRIX'S DEVELOPMENT DIVISION.

WHAT ABOUT YOU, ANON-SAN?

Y-
YES!
WHY DID YOU COME TO WAFFLE?
ME?
REALLY?
D-
DON'T LAUGH, OKAY?
?
WHY WOULD WE?
BACK WHEN I WAS TALKING WITH MADOKA-ONEESAN, YOU WERE CRACKING UP
I THINK I CAN GUESS WHY
heh
whr
THAT'S
THE REASON I WANTED TO COME TO SCHOOL IS...
WELL?
WELL?
Why'd you come to Waffle?

I...
UM...
WANTED TO MAKE A HUNDRED FRIENDS.
AND, UM, EAT ONIGIRI WITH...
um
EAT ONIGIRI WITH A HUNDRED PEOPLE
AAH! YOU'RE LAUGHING!
I knew it~
Aina-san

S... SO CUTE!!
BUT IT'S WEIRD...
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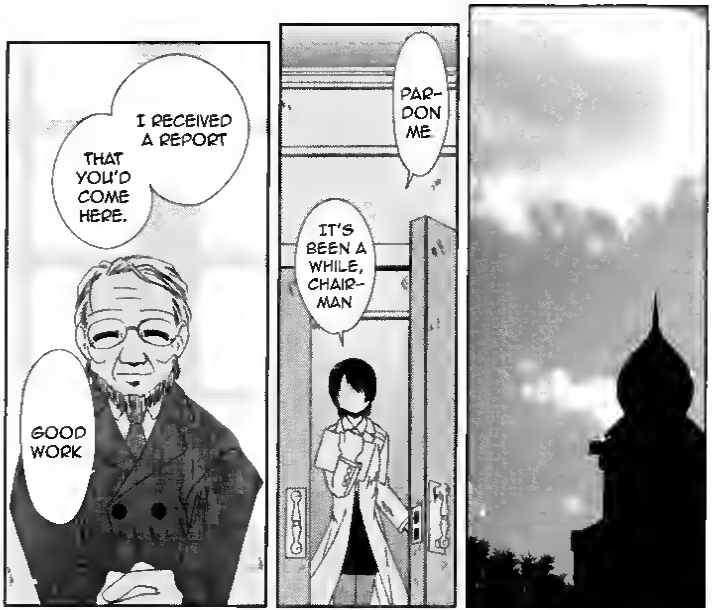
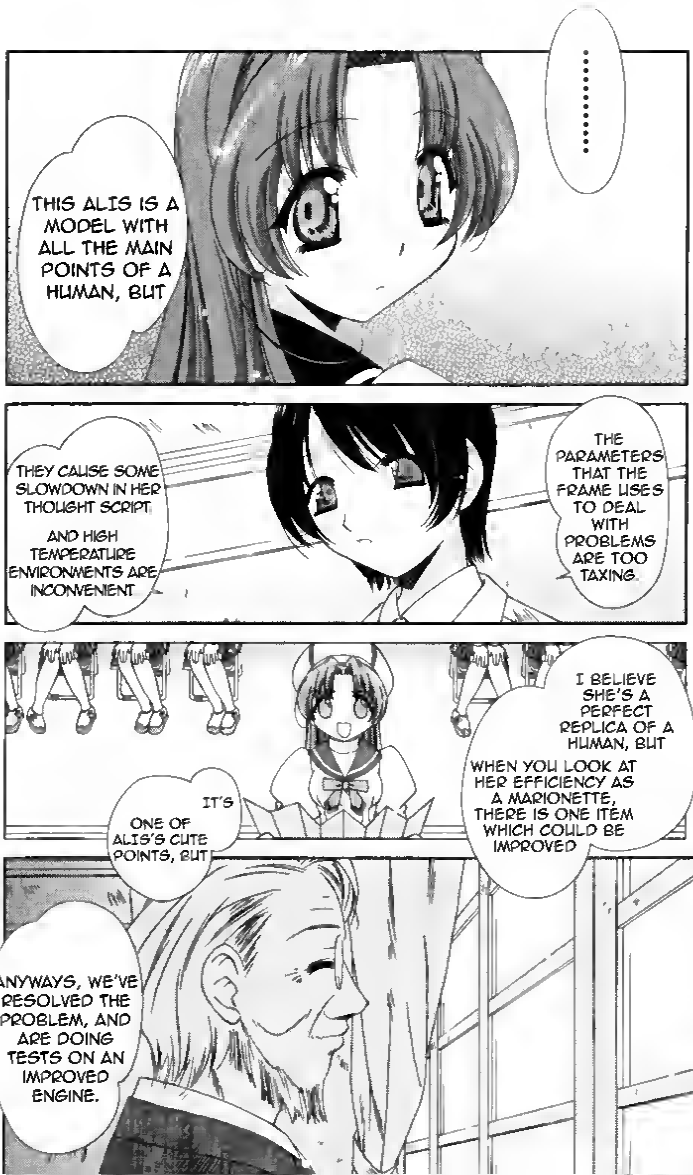

I RECEIVED A REPORT THAT YOU'D COME HERE.
GOOD WORK
PAR-DON ME.
IT'S BEEN A WHILE, CHAIR-MAN

HOW IS IT, HER PROGRESS?
FAVORABLE
AND SO THAT YOU'LL BE ABLE TO BETTER UNDERSTAND IT, I'VE PROVIDED DATA ON THE PREVIOUS MODELS AS WELL
HER HEART'S ALIS ENGINE AS WELL,
I DIDN'T EXPECT IT TO PROGRESS SO FAR IN THE NINE MONTHS THAT SHE'S BEEN ACTIVE.
I'M JUST PROVIDING A PLACE FOR HER.

PLEASE
BE QUIET IN THE LIBRARY.
スタスタ
S...
SORRY
I GUESS IT'S NO GOOD

IS THAT SO?
IT MIGHT BE HARD TO MAKE FRIENDS...
ACQUAINTANCES, FRIENDS, AND BEST FRIENDS...
THERE'S NO CLEAR DISTINCTION BETWEEN THEM.
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
THAT'S NOT TRUE, I'M CHEERING YOU ON!
EVEN IF A HUNDRED IS TOO MANY,
I STILL WANT TO MAKE FRIENDS WITH LOTS OF PEOPLE
ME TOO.
BUT I THINK THAT IT'S BETTER TO HAVE BEST FRIENDS
I DON'T HAVE MANY OF ANY OF THEM,
IT'S NICE TO HAVE FRIENDS WHO I CAN TELL EVERY-THING TO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THIS ALIS IS A MODEL WITH ALL THE MAIN POINTS OF A HUMAN, BUT
THE PARAMETERS THAT THE FRAME USES TO DEAL WITH PROBLEMS ARE TOO TAXING.
THEY CAUSE SOME SLOWDOWN IN HER THOUGHT SCRIPT.
AND HIGH TEMPERATURE ENVIRONMENTS ARE INCONVENIENT.
I BELIEVE SHE'S A PERFECT REPLICA OF A HUMAN, BUT
WHEN YOU LOOK AT HER EFFICIENCY AS A MARIONETTE, THERE IS ONE ITEM WHICH COULD BE IMPROVED
IT'S ONE OF ALIS'S CUTE POINTS, BUT
ANYWAYS, WE'VE RESOLVED THE PROBLEM, AND ARE DOING TESTS ON AN IMPROVED ENGINE.

IF IT'S FAVORABLE, THEN THERE'S NO PROBLEM
YES.
ALSO, SHE REALLY IS CUTE.
THE REST...
MIGHT JUST BE HER HUMAN HEART.
.....
IT'S NICE TO HAVE FRIENDS
WHO I CAN TELL EVERYTHING TO...
THAT'S RIGHT
AND MIAMO-SAN
BUT

NOBODY CAN KNOW THAT ALIS IS AN ANDROID.
ANY-WAYS,
THAT YOU'RE A SECRET PROJECT!
YOU HAVE TO BE AWARE OF THE FACT
ANON-SAN!
Y-YES!
I'M KIND OF AFRAID...
YEAH,
IT REALLY IS NO GOOD...
ANON-SAN
AND...
YOU'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF LANGUAGE CLASS
S-SORRY
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I'm okay!
AH!

RELAXATION COMPLETE~
right?
BACK TO STUDY-ING!
I LOST...
WH-WHAT?
?
AH-
NO, IT'S NOTHING
MIAMO-SAN...

NN
EI!
kyaaaaaa
ooh!
WHAT?
EH?
AH
WE MIGHT
LOSE THIS FRIENDSHIP
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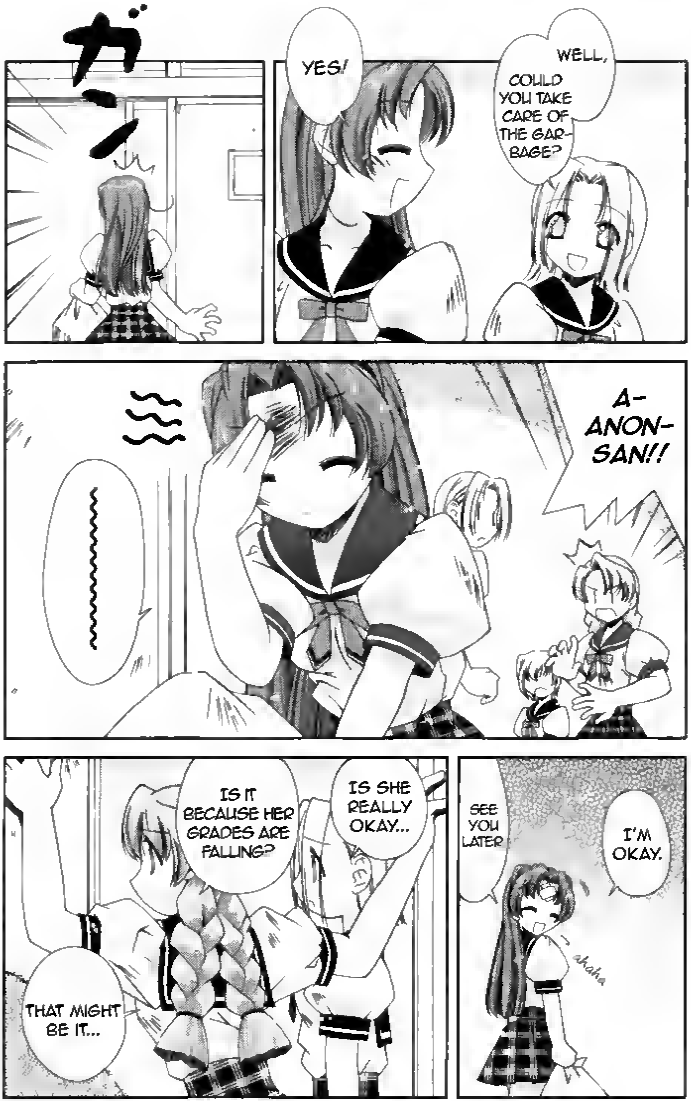
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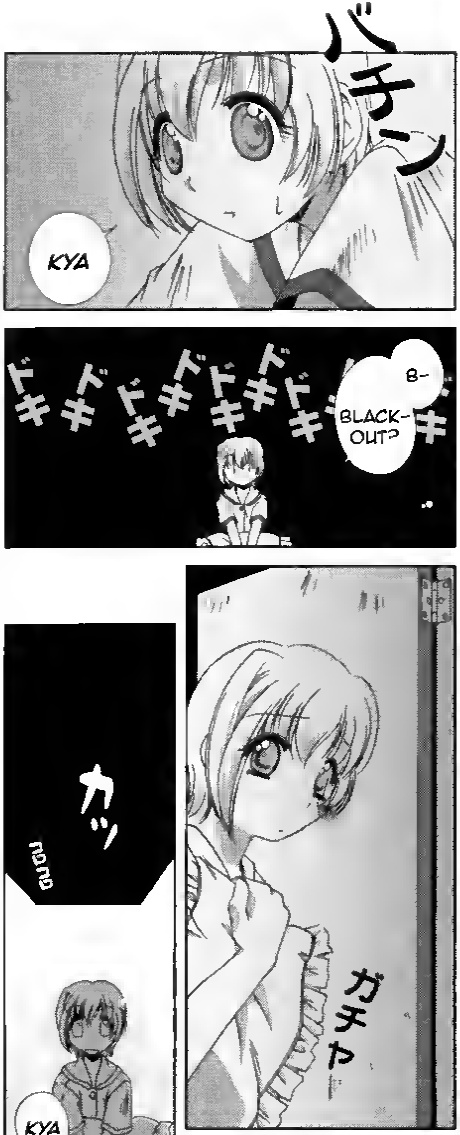
YES!
WELL, COULD YOU TAKE CARE OF THE GARBAGE?
A-ANON-SAN!!
IS SHE REALLY OKAY...
IS IT BECAUSE HER GRADES ARE FALLING?
THAT MIGHT BE IT...
I'M OKAY.
SEE YOU LATER
ahaha

NO...
IT WAS BEFORE THAT...
good day
See you tomorrow~
AH.
'Warning' reserve batteries low
pi-
HM?
AH, NOTHING
ラット

SWORN TO SECRECY RIGHT
GOOD NIGHT, I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW
Discharge and recharge ...
AT THIS RATE, BY MORNING...
Timer set.
Force radiation, and speed up the discharge.
PSH!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B-
BLACK-OUT?
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カッ
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KYA

.....
ANON-SAN?
ANON-SA~N?
HUH? IT'S OPEN...

SORRY, ANON-SAN.
UM ..
I'M AFRAID OF LIGHT-NING, SO
UM, COULD WE...
?
ANON... SAN?
!

Step7 END

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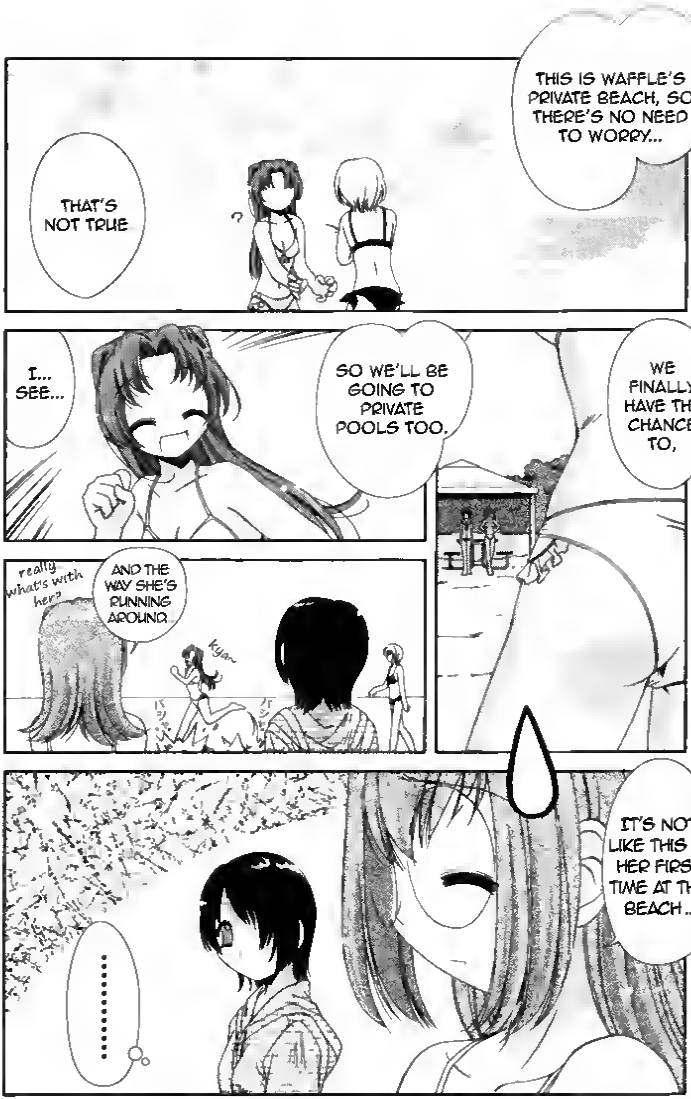
Step8 Their Secret

IT'S THE BEACH~
yu~y
HUH? THAT SWIMSUIT...
ANON-SAN ONLY HAS THE SCHOOL-ISSUED ONE, SO SHE WENT SHOPPING WITH YUUYU-SAN YESTERDAY.
OH.
and I told her not to waste money~
.....


THIS IS WAFFLE'S PRIVATE BEACH, SO THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY...
THAT'S NOT TRUE
?
I... SEE...
SO WE'LL BE GOING TO PRIVATE POOLS TOO.
WE FINALLY HAVE THE CHANCE TO,
really what's with her?
AND THE WAY SHE'S RUNNING AROUND
kyan
IT'S NOT LIKE THIS IS HER FIRST TIME AT THE BEACH..
.....

TODAY'S THE FIRST TIME THAT ALIS HAS BEEN TO THE BEACH
IT IS.
EH?
U- UM, THAT'S...
DID SHE HAVE SOME KIND OF ILLNESS OR SOMETHING?
!
U-UM!
EI!
ooh!
KYAAAAAA
YOU'RE REALLY CUTE.
NOPE.
IT'S NOT THE KIND OF THING THAT YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT
Hmm.
EH?
THANK YOU.

she doesn't want to age
HUH? WHERE'S MADOKA-SENSEI?
LOOKS LIKE SHE DIDN'T WANT THE UV RAYS ON HER SKIN
AINA-SA~N!
HEY! THAT'S EMBARA-SSING!
AH.
ぎゃあああああ
?

ザッパーン
Uh
HEEEY!!
EI!
EH?
KYAAAAAA
ばっ
ONE~
TWO~

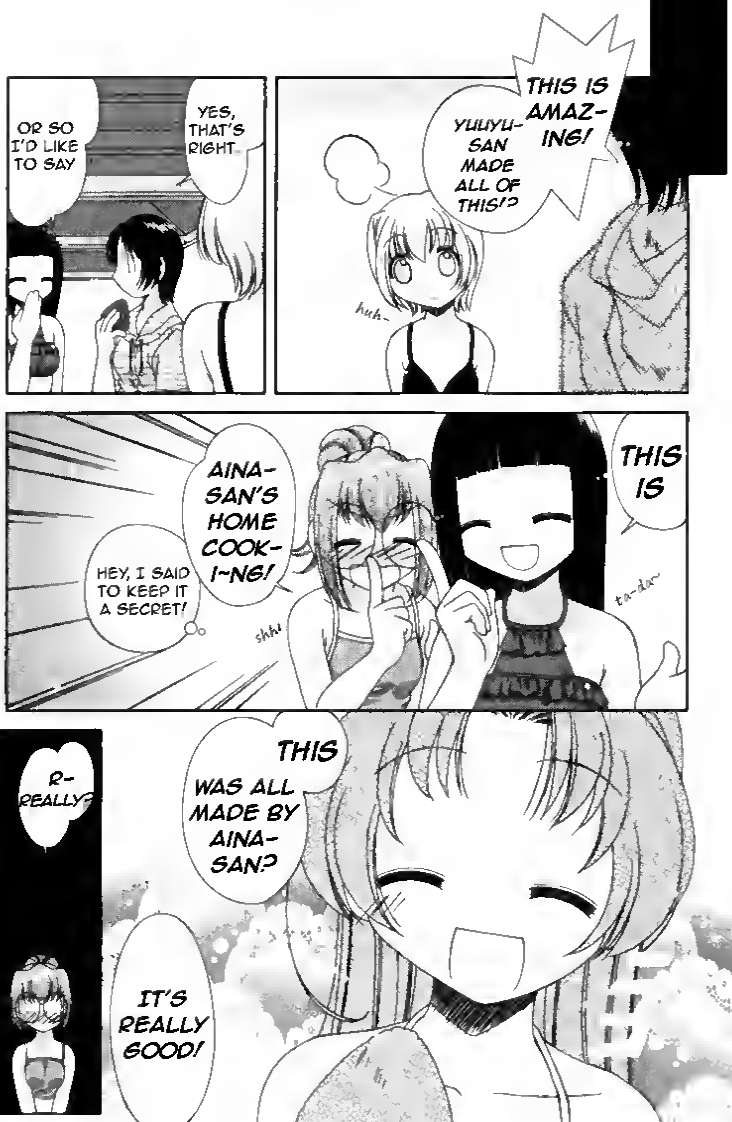
ぷは
AINA-SAN!?
THIS IS PAY-BACK!
……
ドボーン
I- IS THIS REALLY OKAY..

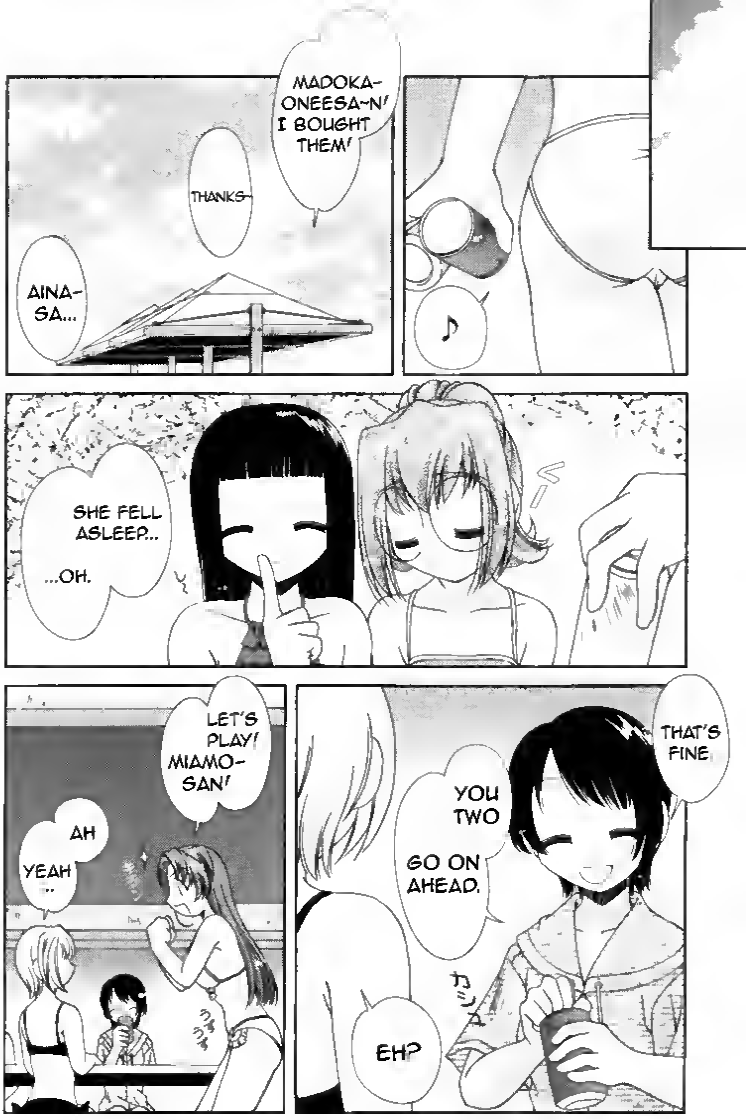
THE BEACH IS SO MUCH FUN!
IT'S SO~ BIG AND OPEN,
I'M GLAD I CAME HERE!
THANKS FOR INVITING ME TODAY!
EI!
HEY-
WH-WHAT?
U FU FU FU FU FU FU
KYAAAAAAA

HOW ABOUT WE HAVE LUNCH NOW~?
EVERY-O~NE!
YE~S!
ITADAKI-MA~SU!
so many onigiri!
IT'S AMAZ-ING.

IT'S SO GOOD~
.....
HAA
SO YOU FOUND OUT...
IT WAS A PERFECT ELECTRIC SURGE.
IT'D BE NICE IF IT'S JUST THE LATCH...
Anything past that is beyond me...
BUT
FOR HER TO BE SPOTTED IN THIS CONDITION...

JUST LIKE YOU CAN SEE, ALIS IS A MARIONETTE
AND I'M THE ONE IN CHARGE OF HER ENGINE'S DEVELOP-MENT.
.....
IT'S A SURPRISE... ISN'T IT...
THE GIRL THAT YOU THOUGHT WAS YOUR FRIEND IS ACTUALLY AN ANDROID
YOU KNOW, I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK


YES, THAT'S RIGHT
OR SO I'D LIKE TO SAY
THIS IS AMAZ-ING!
YUUYU-SAN MADE ALL OF THIS!?
huh-
THIS IS
ta-da-
AINA-SAN'S HOME COOK-I~NG!
shh
HEY, I SAID TO KEEP IT A SECRET!
R-REALLY?
THIS WAS ALL MADE BY AINA-SAN?
IT'S REALLY GOOD!


MADOKA-ONEESA-N! I BOUGHT THEM!
THANKS-
AINA-SA...
♪
SHE FELL ASLEEP...
...OH.
LET'S PLAY! MIAMO-SAN!
AH
YEAH...
THAT'S FINE.
YOU TWO
GO ON AHEAD.
カシュ
EH?

EVER SINCE SUMMER VACATION STARTED, SHE'S BEEN BUSY WITH CLUB ACTIVITIES EVERY DAY. THIS IS THE FIRST DAY THAT SHE'S HAD OFF.
SHE MUST BE EXHAUSTED..
AND SINCE ANON-SAN WAS FEELING DOWN,
SHE INVITED HER TO THE BEACH IN ORDER TO CHEER HER UP.
EVEN TODAY, SHE GOT UP EARLY TO MAKE LUNCH FOR EVERYONE.
SHE ACTUALLY WANTED TO COME OUT HERE YESTERDAY TOO, BUT IT COULDN'T BE HELPED.
?
NO,
I WAS JUST THINKING THAT SHE REALLY IS LOVED.
YOU'RE RIGHT.
I'M A LITTLE BIT JEALOUS

MIAMO-SAN, HURRY~!
OKAY
MADOKA-SENSEI HASN'T SAID ANYTHING TO ME SINCE THEN, BUT..
REALLY
ehehe~
HO...
AH!
Oh-
to
to
I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK.
COULD YOU KEEP THIS A SECRET? AND IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, JUST LIKE YOU HAVE BEEN UP UNTIL NOW.

I WANT YOU TO STAY FRIENDS...
AH AGAIN ...
tototo
ANON-SAN, IT'S DANGER-OUS IF YOU LOSE YOUR BA..
EH?
A-ARE YOU OKAY!?
I'M FINE!
that was a surprise
!
coating warning

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チャ
!
I'M GOING TO GO CHECK ON ALIS.
EH?
OKAY...
ガタッ
WHAT DO I DO...
IT-
IT'S NOTHING ...
ハシ
WHAT'S WRONG?
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pi!
flood warning!
STAY BACK!
MY RIGHT ARM'S POWER IS CUT...
BUT IF I DON'T MOVE, I'LL SINK RIGHT IN FRONT OF MIAMO-SAN~
IF I SINK, THEN SHE'LL FIND OUT
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とぷん……
!
THAT I'M AN ANDROID!
ANON-SAN!
I WANT YOU TO STAY FRIENDS
……

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A- ARE YOU OKAY!?
MADOKA- SENSEI...
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YOU FELL ASLEEP
AH. I...
Huh?
THEY WENT OUT TO PLAY
EH? WHERE DID EVERY-ONE
I JUST GOT A MAIL, THEY SHOULD BE AT THE COTTAGE RIGHT...
LET'S GO!
YES!

YOU CAN COME IN NOW, MIAMO-SAN.
It's just a simple coating so let's go to the lab once we get back
WELL, IT'S NOT TOO BAD
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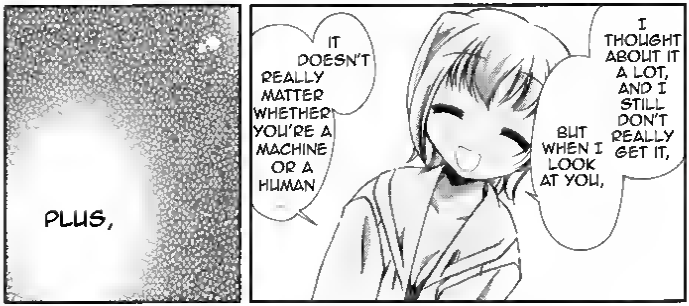
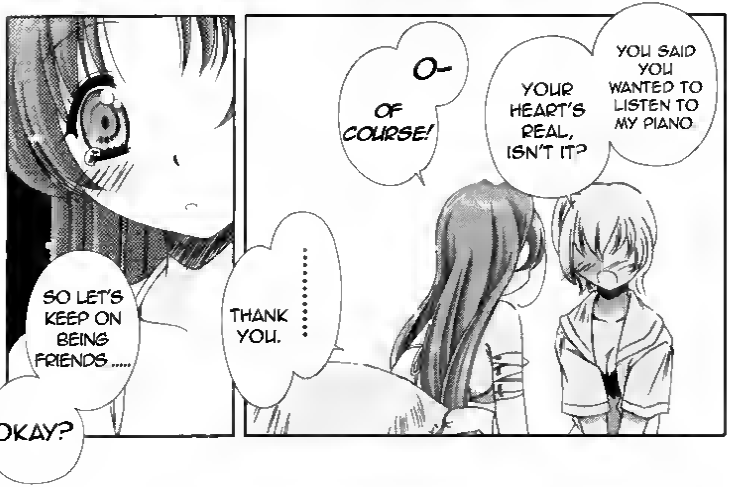
PLEA-SE
PLEASE DON'T HATE ME.
THERE'S NO WAY THAT... I COULD HATE YOU...
.....

I'M AFRAID OF LIGHTNING, SO I SNUCK INTO YOUR ROOM BACK THEN...
SINCE THAT TIME WITH THE LIGHT-NING...
EH?
I ALREADY KNEW THAT YOU WERE A MARION-ETTE...
BUT...
.....
When I woke up, Madoka-onee-san was the only one...


PLUS,
IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER WHETHER YOU'RE A MACHINE OR A HUMAN...
I THOUGHT ABOUT IT A LOT, AND I STILL DON'T REALLY GET IT,
BUT WHEN I LOOK AT YOU,


O-
OF COURSE!
YOUR HEART'S REAL, ISN'T IT?
YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO LISTEN TO MY PIANO.
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THANK YOU.
SO LET'S KEEP ON BEING FRIENDS.....
OKAY?

SAME HERE! THANK YOU SO MUCH!
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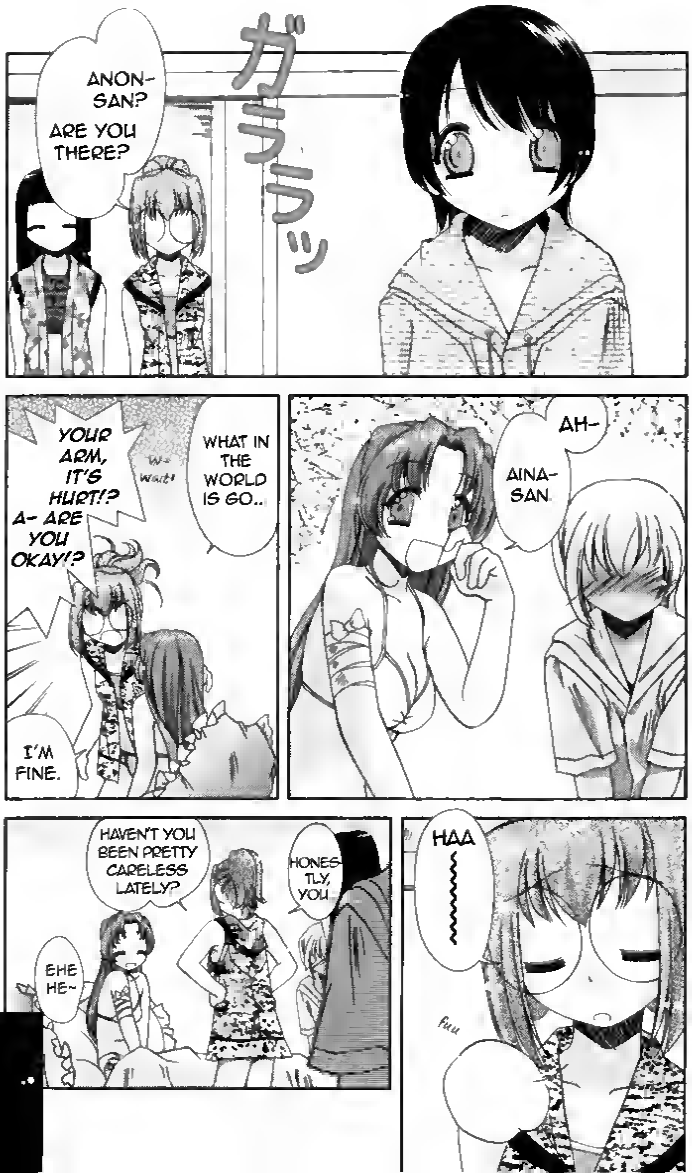
THANK YOU~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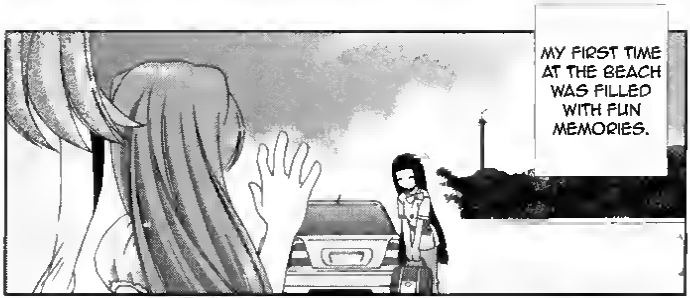
ANON-SAN? ARE YOU THERE?
AH-
AINA-SAN
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GO..
Wa-wait!
YOUR ARM, IT'S HURT!? A- ARE YOU OKAY!?
I'M FINE.
HAA
fuu
HAVEN'T YOU BEEN PRETTY CARELESS LATELY?
HONES-TLY, YOU
EHE HE~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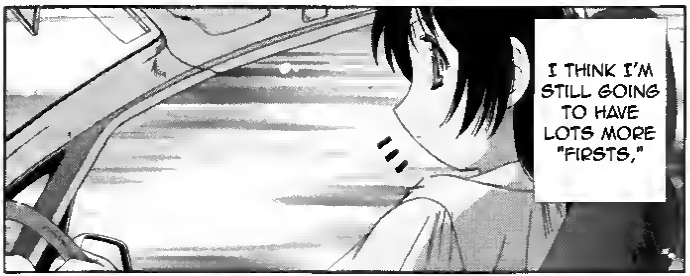
I THINK I'M STILL GOING TO HAVE LOTS MORE "FIRSTS,"

BUT I WANT TO KEEP TODAY'S EVENTS IN MY HEART FOREVER.

Step8 END

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